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And finally, this really is the end for News at Ten

THE BIGGEST row in television BY JANE ROBINS news for decades is expected to break out this week when FIV launches a campaign to abolish News at Ten.

Insiders say the network is poised to tell the Independent fore the move can go ahead, and Television Commission (ITC) the existing 5.40pm early evening news will be replaced by a half-hour 6.30pm bulletin, and that News at Ten will dis-

Media Correspondent

the flagship programme. ITC approval is needed beexperts say the outcome is far from certain. Consequently, ITV has been dreaming up a way of convincing the regulator that it is not simply devising a

appear ending a 31-year run for

to propose, as a substitute, a porter of the 10pm slot. half-hour news programme, starting at 11pm, which would

soon as the proposal is made public. The bulletin's founder, Sir Alastair Burnet, has expressed his dismay at the ending of a na-

news used to be. It is expected has made clear he is a firm sup-

The veteran reporter Sandy its proposed new 60 Minutes Gall is also in the frontline of reinclude plenty of regional items. sistence to a move that is per-A backlash is expected as ceived by many at ITN – which sistance to a move that is permakes News at Ten-as an "evil plan". Politicians will also have was hoped, would help conmuch to say. Labour's Gerald

schedule to win audience rational institution, and ITN's poture and Media Select Committicularly important since only da, and its controller of newsings with extra movies where litical editor, Michael Brunson, tee, is firmly opposed to the idea. tee, is firmly opposed to the idea. Originally, FTV had hoped to criticised the number of "do-

make an announcement about weekly current affairs programme at the same time as scrapping News at Ten. A new current affairs programme, it vince the ITC that the network

cusoaps" in the schedules. But the 60 Minutes project. Anderson, the designated se-

has been dogged by contro- ries editor. The row means it is versy of its own. Granada is a unlikely that a 60 Minutes defront-runner to make the £8m cision can now be tied to the a year series, but the situation News at Ten announcement. has been complicated by alle-At the Edinburgh Internagations of nepotism. ITV's boss tional Television Festival last

palpable tension. When Mr Lidderson is not only ex-Granada. but is also the brother of Jeff maintained that "doing nothing" was still an option.

"There's a lot of anger at ITN," said one insider. "This decision will mean that we have ceased to be competitive with the BBC on news.

Leading article

Adams says the violence is finished

A DECLARATION by the Sinn BY DAVID MCKITTRICK Fein president, Gerry Adams, that violence should be "over, done with and gone" was welsignificant development in the our country". Irish peace process.

Mr Adams said that his party the words as being both signif- achieving an end to all conflict. icant and welcome

Tony Blair's official spokesman said the statement confirmed the Prime Minister's view that Sinn Fein's commitment to peaceful means de served to be taken seriously.

But there was a more cautious reaction from David Trimble, the Uister Unionist leader and First Minister of Northern Ireland, who said that carefully crafted words were not enough. The weapons of terrorism must be destroyed and all forms of paramilitary violence must cease for good.

The Sinn Fein move was seen as a response to an intensive period of diplomacy and negotiation involving the British and Irish governments and Washington. The United States has been pressing for significant concessions from both Mr Adams and Mr Trimble in the run-up to Thursday's visit of President Bill Clinton to Northern Ireland.

Washington's clear concern has been to press all sides for flexibility and movement so that the presidential visit can be associated with progress in the peace process.

Mr Adams' statement was issued on the eve of the emergency recall of the British and Irish parliaments today to pass new anti-terrorist laws after the Omagh bombing.

In the statement, Mr Adams said everyone must work politically to make sure the

MARTIN TAYLOR, chief execu-

tive of Barclays Bank, warned

yesterday that the world was

heading for a "credit crunch"

as a result of Russia's financial

Barclays shocked the City with

The warning came after

Ireland Correspondent

"appalling" Omagh bombing, comed by the British and Irish carried out by the Real IRA, governments yesterday as a was "the last violent incident in

He pledged: "Sinn Fein is committed to exclusively peacebelieved violence must be a ful and democratic means to utes of the statement being is a shared responsibility to re-issued, Downing Street hailed moving the causes and to moving the causes and to

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lence we have seen must be for all of us now a thing of the past, over, done with and gone.

The carefully choreographed Downing Street reaction to the Sinn Fein statement indicates that activity behind the scenes ahead of President Clinton's visit has been intense. Mr Trimble has several

times pressed for a republican declaration that "the war is over" in addition to the longstanding Unionist demands for IRA arms decommissioning.

BY ANDREW GARPIELD

create shockwaves around the

globe. He said the natural re-

action of banks after the crisis

would be to rein back on lend-

ing at a time when large swaths of the world economy are

hanks were no longer lending to the rest of the world, and if

He said Japanese and Asian

already in depression.

Financial Editor

While Sinn Fein has not used

the exact words pressed for by Mr Trimble, it has come close to doing so. This is seen as significant by the Government, which had already been impressed by the swift and un-

Omagh bombing by Mr Adams. Elements in Mr Trimble's party are clearly most unhapthing of the past. Within min- schieve a way forward ... There py at the idea of his leading a new Northern Ireland executive: expected to include members of Sinn Fein. Some of his back-benchers have been Sinn Fein believe the viopressing for republican con-

cessions to sweeten this pill. The SDLP leader, John Hume, said he saw the Sinn of saying that the war was over. And Northern Ireland deputy first minister Seamus Mallon, also of the SDLP said the statement could be built upon.

equivocal condemnation of the

Before Mr Adams' surprise statement, all attention had been focused on the draft antiterror legislation, published for MPs to study before they debate and vote on it today. Some Labour MPs voiced doubts about the wisdom of introducing it so quickly and about the implications of the measures.

Mr Blair will open the proceedings with a statement on Omagh and his assessment of the state of the peace process.

One of the most controversial provisions of the Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Bill is that it will enable someone to be convicted of belonging to a banned group largely on the evidence of a senior police officer backed by only limited supporting evidence. But Robin Corbett, a Labour

member of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "From all I know about it at the moment, I am extremely worried and very unlikely to help the Government to go down a wrong road that's dreadfully mistaken."

banks in the US and Europe

were to follow suit, the outlook

would be bleak. "The prospects

for the world economy are ma-

terially worse than they were

four weeks ago," said Mr Tay-

lor. "It is dangerous nonsense

to say that Russia's economy is

no bigger than Luxembourg's

and in any case it is ring-fenced

the City completely by sur-

Barclays' disclosure caught

from the rest of the world."

Clinton begs Russia not to abandon free market

BILL Clinton personally pleaded with Russia yesterday to put its house in order to avoid reverting to the Soviet past and to maintain the painful transition to market economics.

His appeal came during a summit in Moscow at which President Boris Yeltsin pledged not to reverse reforms, after a week in which the Russian crisis has seen falling global markets, a withering rouble and

sharp price rises. The temperature in the stand-off between the Kremlin and the State Duma, or lower house, rose when Mr Yeltsin "insisted" it confirm Viktor

prise. Although some of the

large American banks and

hedge funds were known to be

taking big bets on Russia's re-

formers getting their way,

British banks have consistent-

ly maintained that their expo-

sure to Russia was minimal

some of the big American

banks have disclosed losses of

up to \$500m - in some cases

wiping out their entire profits

Over the past few days,

BY PHIL REEVES

in Moscow

Chernomyrdin as prime minister On Monday the Duma overwhelmingly rejected him. Yesterday Mr Yeltsin, asked if he would dissolve parliament, replied, with a grin: "If it behaves itself, no.

He told Russia it was "suffering ... millions in losses" every day that it was without a prime minister and Cabinet. But this failed to move leaders of the Communist-dominated Duma, most of whom say they will again reject Mr Chernomyrdin at a second hearing

from elsewhere in the world.

Bankers in Moscow have been

sent on enforced leave as their

employers weigh up whether to

cut their losses and pull out of

Other UK high street banks

moved quickly to calm market

fears that they too had suffered

big hits. National Westminster,

Lloyds-TSB, and HSBC, parent

company of Midland and

First Direct, have all described

Russia altogether

on Monday, pushing the con-frontation to a third and final vote. If he fails a final time, par-

liament will be dissolved.

Bill Clinton (left) getting to grips with Boris Yeltsin before their discussions in Moscow, at which the Russian leadership assured the US

The Russian leadership, anxious to continue to qualify for the next instalment of a \$23bn (£14bn) Western "rescue package", emphasised commitment to reforms. "The country will follow the path of creating a market economy and democratic society," a statement said. But Mr Yeltsin also told Mr Clinton that Russia might need to make "tactical adjustments" and enlarge the state's role in the economy to help it weather the crisis.

their lending to Russia as

stock markets paused for

breath yesterday after nearly two weeks of savage falls. After

slumping 6 per cent on Monday,

Wall Street bounced back with

the Dow Jones index rising

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150 points in early trading.

Elsewhere in the world,

"minimal" in comparison.

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Bank chief warns of global 'credit crunch'

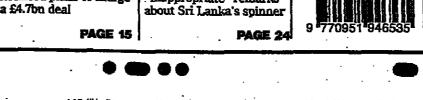
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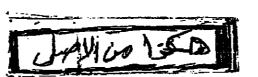
Scottish Hydro-Electric and Southern Electric announced plans to merge in a £4.7bn deal

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England's cricket coach may face the sack over "inappropriate" remarks







the disclosure that the bank had lost £335m in the Russian débacle. Mr Taylor said the fact that a big nation had defaulted on its obligations would

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Unions want working class MPs Trade unions could be given a greater say over the selection of MPs under plans drawn up by the Labour Party to fend off claims that it has abandoned "working class"

Flight delays worst for 9 years

Air passengers are suffering a "black year" for delays, according to figures showing late departures on major European flights in June were the worst for any month

Restaurant fined record £30,000 A Chinese restaurant in Peterborough has attracted a record fine of £30,000 after council officials found boxes of soft drinks and beer kegs standing in liquid sewage.

Bank manager, 21, guilty of bias

The country's youngest woman bank manager was guilty of sex discrimination against one of her trainee male employees, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday.

FOREIGN NEWS

Howard unlikely to be re-elected A new opinion poll indicates John Howard, the Australian prime minister, would be struggling to win a fresh man-

date for his conservative coalition government.

Row clouds Paris terrorists trial A mass trial of Algerian terrorist suspects opened in an expensively converted gymnasium in Paris amid allegations of political interference.

Japan admits it missed missile

The Japanese government has conceded it failed to spot a North Korean ballistic missile which was fired over its territory on Monday.

Burma set to reopen universities The Burmese government is poised to re-open the nation's universities which have been closed for the past two years following student pro-democracy demons-

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Japan crash takes Walsall victim An injection moulding company based near Walsall has been forced into receivership following the failure of its Japanese parent company, which itself was a victim of the Asian financial crisis.

£150,000 over unit trust errors

Abbey Unit Trust Managers has been fined £150,000 and forced to pay out £440,500 after watchdogs discovered a series of blunders which caused it to create the wrong number of units in its unit trusts.

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Graf taken to three sets in Open Steffi Graf was taken to three sets by the unheralded 20-year-old American Corina Morariu, in the first round of the US Open.

Adams puts the boot into Hoddle Book launches rather than bookings were the order of the day at England football training following publication of Tony Adams' criticisms of the national coach

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Ken Livingstone

By refusing to follow the economics of the Western financial institutions. China has become the most rapidly growing economy in the world, doubling its GDP quicker than any nation in history.'

Paul Spike

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Lynn Margulis

However close humanity itself may be to causing its own extinction, or at best its irrevocable disintegration, most other species will carry on regardless.' Page 5

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Terror Bill re-drafted in concession to backbenchers

BY ANDREW GRICE Political Editor

TONY BLAIR last night offered further concessions to Labour critics of his emergency antiterrorist laws, in the hope of limiting a backbench rebellion when MPs approve the measures tonight.

The Government insisted that a suspected terrorist could not be convicted on the basis of uncorroborated evidence from a police officer, as its critics have claimed, and promised that the courts would also require other evidence. The Criminal Justice (Ter-

rorism and Conspiracy) Bill, which is being rushed through Parliament in two days during its three-month summer break following the Omagh bombing, was hastily redrafted yesterday in an attempt to allay the fears of rebel MPs. Although only a small num-ber of Labour MPs are ex-

pected to oppose the bill or abstain, ministers are bracing themselves for strong criticism that the legislation is being approved without a proper debate. "It is just treating Parliament as a rubber-stamp," Tony Benn,

the former cabinet minister, said last night. "Its like the Supreme Soviet. But even Boris Yeltsin has to face the Duma, so perhaps there should be some fire here." Labour rebels remain

concerned that the courts would be heavily influenced by evidence from a police officer that a terrorist suspect was a member of a banned group, such as the Real IRA, which could not be corroborated because it was from intelligence sources. Robin Corbett, (Lab., Birm-

ingham, Erdington) warned the Government might be repeating the mistakes made rushed Prevention of Terrorism



would safeguard the rights of the accused. He said the burden of proof would remain with "beyond all reasonable doubt".

But Jack Straw, the Home could be drawn from a suspect

"tough but necessary" bill first had the opportunity to consult a solicitor.

The Liberal Democrats announced last night they would after the 1974 Birmingham pub the prosecution, which would support the Government, after bombings, which led to a have to prove terrorist activity winning concessions in talks over unsupported evidence and He said that no inference a promise that the law would be reviewed annually.

Cabinet decided last night to Good Friday agreement. The support the bill but will seek to table two amendments.

One would ensure a full operating within 12 months. The other would allow evidence from a police officer to send back to prison a terrorist about the release of those William Hague's Shadow released from jail under the who inflicted their suffering. Hussein or Colonel Gadaffi.

Sentence Review Commission is considering 429 applications for early release and ministers review of how the new law is promised yesterday that victims of the violence of Ulster and their families would be kept informed

Muslim organisations criticised the provisions in the bill to crack down on groups in Britain which conspire to carry out terrorist activities abroad. Some Labour MPs share their concerns, arguing that the

measure could hamper the work of opponents of Saddam

Adams condemns 'appalling' Omagh blast

view of the current state of the peace process".

"My position on what hap-

party's press centre in Belfast demned it without equivoca- groups to stop immediately. our country, the last incident of ments have the principal in a one-page press release tion. This appalling act was headlined "Keynote State- carried out by those opposed aligning themselves with the making conflict a thing of the leaders. I am committed to ment from Gerry Adams MP". to the peace process. It is forces opposed to a democra- past. There is a shared play my part, as is Sinn Fein. lea to wreck the process Adams had "today outlined his and everyone should work to here. Sinn Fein is committed causes and to achieving an ensure the peace process continues as is the clear wish of

This is his statement in full: the people of the island. "Sinn Fein has called for a

to exclusively peaceful and end to all conflict. democratic means to achieve a way forward.

LIGHTING UP

HIGH TIDES

to 6.34am to 6.26am to 6.25am to 6.16am to 6.21am to 6.16am

"Sinn Fein believe the violence we have seen must be for "We have to work political- all of us now a thing of the past, ment has the powerful poten- ated must be filled."

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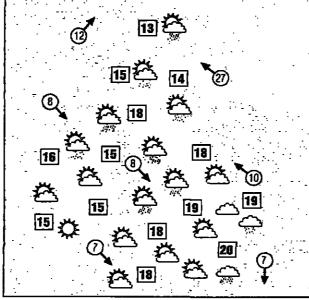
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SINN FEIN'S statement yes- pened in Omagh on 15 August complete halt to such actions by to make the Omagh bomb- over, done with and gone. In tial to take us forward and we terday was issued by the is quite categoric. I have con- and has urged all armed ing the last violent incident in particular, the two govern- must urgently press on with its implementation.

"Inclusive and honest dialogue is the only way forward in this country.

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SE & NE Scotland, Edinburgh, Aberdeen: A lot of cloud with limited sunshin and showers likely. A light easterly wind, Max temp 16-19C (61-66F). N lakes: Outbreaks of rain, A fresh south-east wind. Max temp 14C (57F).

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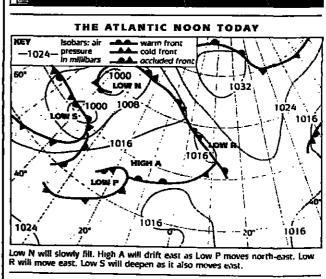
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ahead of a tropical storm in the the oil fields . The National Hurricane Centre said Tropical Storm Earl had formed on Monday in the Gulf of Mexico and was expected to gain strength as it headed toward the western Florida panhandle.

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Investors enjoyed a strong run in the post-election euphoria but shares have fallen 11 per cent this summer



FRANKFURT German shares fell yesterday, adding to woes on a market that has lost 20 per cent since July





TOKYO The Japanese stock market, down 15 percent since July, has suffered from the fall-out from the Asian crisis



NEW YORK Monday's plunge wiped RIO DE JANEIRO Brazil, the hope of Latin America, has fallen 35 per cent in two months

Apocalypse or economic correction? A calming guide for nervous citizens

IT NOW looks odds-on that there will be a global recession over the next two to three years. But that does not mean that there will necessarily be a worldwide economic catastrophe. Some countries, including this one, look in pretty good shape to pull through rather better than we came through the early 1990s version that we all remember so well.

At the moment about one third of the world economy is in recession or depression: nearcourse, and even some bits of keep their savings in some form Europe such as Italy But until of stock market account markets had managed to shrug off these concerns and shares were hitting new highs. Their message was that while one third of the world might be in trouble the other two thirds would be fine.

In the past week two things have happened to change this benign outlook. One is the deteriorating situation in Russia: the other is Wall Street's own loss of nerve.

The Russian crisis ought not to have much direct impact on the West, for it is not a particularly big economy: its output is about the size of Spain's. It does not buy much from us because it does not have the money to do so. But what has happened is alarming because Russia remains a nuclear power and be-Cause it is one more bit of bad news on top of others. Banks that have lent to Russian companies have added to their losses on loans to East Asia. It is this cumulative nature of the world's economic troubles that has upset everyone and indirectly led to Wall Street's wobbles.

Wall Street matters because high share prices have been the thing sustaining the long Amer-



ly all of East Asia, patches of ican boom. People in the US, to Latin America, Russia of a far grater extent than here, but more and more in an account that looks like a bank or building society account but is actually invested on the stock exchange. When share prices fall, the balance on the account. which had been steadily rising, suddenly falls. Everyone feels poorer, and may well cut their

spending as a result. Britons worry about share prices, insofar as they do think about them, because they might affect the value of their nension. Americans worry about them because it affects

ford to buy the new car. We all compare with past ones. remember that recessions hapstill smarting from the effects of the last one. Only in the past couple of months have house prices risen enough to clear most cases of negative equity. In the US the recession was less serious, and the memory correspondingly dimmer.

But markets are different animals from the real economy. What we all want to know is whether the market wobbles are signalling economic wobbles to come. What does all this

is the past. No one can have more than the dimmest outline of the shape of the world economy over the next economic cycle, but we do know that a cycle exists. It would be nicer if it didn't - if we somehow knew how to smooth out the humps and the troughs, but we don't. It seems to be embedded in human nature that we get carried away with enthusiasm when things are going well and have a fit of the glooms when

much this year will have noticed a sense of the boom. Think about Britain and compare with, say, the early 1970s when inflation was soaring and house prices could double in a year, or the late 1980s, when again house prices shot up by 25 per cent in a few months. It hasn't been like that now. Apply the simple rule that the bigger they come the harder they fall and the coming fall they are going badly. So peering ought not to be as serious as the into the future entails trying to previous ones: the boom has not peen so big, so the slump should also be more limited. It is possible we may come though the next three or four years with merely a period of very slow growth, not the actual recession that many fear, In

will be the worst for everyone.

Kong in the 1990s, Japan in the

late 1980s - which were bound

to end in tears. North America

and Western Europe haven't

anyone who has been in the US

we may do better. We cannot, however assume that. So the wise will prepare. How? Everyone's situation is dif-ferent Some of us are in secure (or at least secure-ish) jobs. Some are not. Some of us are working in growth industries,

previous cycles we have tend-

ed to do rather worse than the IIS or continental Europe: it is

perfectly possible that this time

whether they feel they can afguess how the next cycle might while others in parts of the economy which always head Think world first, then nardown when recession hits. Bepen, because many of us are row it down to Britain. For cause no downturn is a carbon some places in the world this one is already the worst in living memory. The present recession is the first serious one in Hong Kong since the Second World War, and looks like being the worst for Japan since then

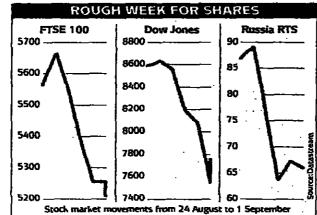
copy of the previous ones, it is impossible to say that, for example, the housing sector will be the one which is more severely hit. At the moment manufacturing is suffering because of the strong pound; but many too. But that does not mean it manufacturers will come through in decent shape, per-Both Hong Kong and Japan had haps because they have some mad speculative booms - Hong · product which is not very price

sensitive, or because they just happen to be particularly good at what they are doing.

If there is a general rule, it is that people should try to be particularly cautious about borrowing more than they can afford. That was the prime lesson of the last recession and it holds good now. Recessions have an economic purpose: they weed out the weaker companies and help the stronger

economy becomes more effi- economy is still growing albeit cient. Individuals who have the rescue of the those who have borrowed big. The reverse may happen: we may be moving into a world where

over-borrowed are hit by the whose shares have fallen are same weeding out process that still the same companies they is forcing companies to lift their were three months ago. We game. That is particularly true still need and enjoy the goods and services a modern econolikely that inflation will run to my produces. Some ordinary people have time to sort out their finances. And market economies, for all their shortcomings, have proved time and time again that they are good prices, instead of rising, tend to at adjusting to new and more



There's plenty of room on the window ledges of Main Street

KAREN THEIS pauses on her way to work in downtown Minneapolis yesterday for a cup of coffee outside the Brit Pub on Nicollet Avenue. Sharing the bench with flowers and other tributes left there in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, she digests the giant headline on her paper - "DOW PLUNGES".

Karen has more than a passing interest. It is not just that she works in a retail stock brokerage where, of course, things "went crazy" during Wall Street's nosedive on Monday, but she herself belongs to the armies of ordinary Americans who in recent years have made their first forays into the equity market. And, like so many h thers, she has done very well by it. Until now, that is. Ms Theis, 41, reckons she is

down by about \$10,000 com-

BY DAVID USBORNE in Minneapolis

pared with a week ago. But here is the funny thing: she is neither in despair nor is she panicking. Indeed even as she has watched the numbers rocket south she has done nothing at all except watch and sigh. "You know what, I don't mind, because it wasn't really my money in the first place," she concedes.

"It was just paper money." Whether it is paralysis in the face of a crisis or just good old mid-western phlegm, Ms Theis is far from alone in her reaction. Multiple interviews with holders of stocks and mutual funds in this city yesterday told almost exactly the same story; so far investors are holding their breath and staying calm.

And one or two are even

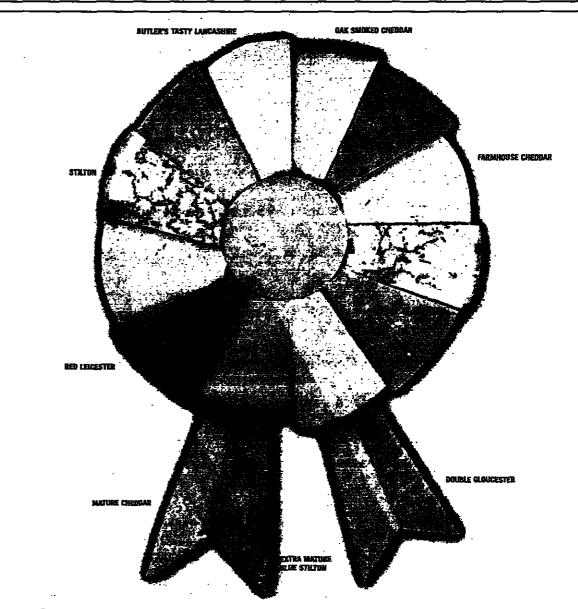
to buy a few stocks. It is confirmed by Richard Bowler, the manager of a downtown branch of America's leading discount brokerage, Charles Schwab. "We are getting a flood of calls, but mostly it's people wanting to know what's going on. For the most part, they are sitting tight," he said. The reason, he adds, seems to be this: people are clear that they are in the market for the long term and many

expected this kind of downturn. Indeed, for Ms Theis, the gains had begun to seem too good to be true. "I couldn't really believe that the market had got that high in the first place. If you get up to highs like those. you have to expect it to come

Bruce Finne, a government worker from Illinois in town for

taking advantage of the swoon a conference, is unfazed even though his losses amount to a "multiple of my annual salary". But he, too, has sold nothing. "I'm in this for the long run. If the market takes a year or three years to come back, that's OK," he says. At Schwabs, customers are

coming in at a trickle not a stampede. Mostly, they are curious about buying, not selling. "You could say, I've done a hit more than nibble," says Roger Siberson, as he leaves the brokerage after buying stock in the Norwest banking group. "When there is blood on the street, it is time to buy." Doesn't he worry that the bottom of the market may be still be to come? No, he says, because the domestic economy is still sound. "The bad news," he insists,



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Unions demand working-class NPS TRADE UNIONS could be given agreater say over the selection of MPS under plans drawn up by the Labour Party to fend off-lamms that it has abandoned working-class" candidates. The move to allow individual unions to have their own so-cition panels will be any titing plans will be any to elect New Labour professionals and "Invvies", but the next working class (e.g. the polleruing. working class (e.g. the profession of the plans as swidence that "The Tory opposition setzed on the plans as swidence that

lection panels will be put before next month's party conference in an attempt to head off criticism that Labour is being dominated by middleclass professionals.

It follows the announcement by the engineering union, the AEEU, yesterday that it had set

Labour had still failed to shrug off the shackles of its union

Labour intends to overhaul its parliamentary selection procedures completely at next month's party conference, creating panels approved by the

Independent that unions would have a major role.

A Labour Party spokesman said: "We do want more working-class MPs and that is precisely why this measure is

"It will be possible for an individual union to organise its

Working class', as defined in the Shorter Oxford

own pre-endorsed selection a one-member one-vote ballot. panel, as long as it follows our

A three or four-member panel would select candidates who would go before local parties for

The NEC would then have only to rubber-stamp the union-endorsed candidates. Unions would also retain their right to

'Surely

deserve

a voice'

By Sarah Schaefer

we all

party's history. The AEEU claims that its criticism has particular resonance as it has been a strong

backer of New Labour, contributing £2m to help the party win office last year.

Ken Jackson, the general secretary of the union, said

"Our fear is that a small mi-

nority, by preventing working

people from representing New

Labour, may leave them behind once again. That would be bad news for the Labour Party."

However, the move to give unions their own selection pan-

trade and industry spokesman, said: "We have been told for several years that Labour is no longer in thrall to the unions. This proves that no matter what they say, by their actions they are planning to give even greater control over their affairs to the unions."

'An era not to be ignored'

By Sarah Schaefer Political Reporter

JOE ASHTON, staunch defender of the working classes, said Labour MPs like him were now "dinosaurs from another era".

A former apprentice engineer on a factory-floor in Sheffield, Mr Ashton (Lab., Bassetlaw) welcomed the AEEU's decision to help parliamentary candidates from working class backgrounds.

"It is not that I want to put down the abilities of younger MPs, but having done a night shift in the freezing cold in somewhere like Tyneside would help them to speak out on behalf of workers," the 64year-old MP said

"A lot of the new intake of MPs went to university and never worked as carpenters, toolmakers or engineers before they were selected for their seats," he added. "It is my generation, and I

am over 60, who can understand one end of the lathe from another, who really are the seat, centred in a mining area

Now holding the office of Paymaster General, Mr Robin-

then director general of Jaguar,

Joe Ashton: Young MPs haven't done a night shift in the cold

his opera-singing wife. Marie choice 30 years ago, he added: in 1968, ironically beating the Elena Giorgio, have been described as the ultimate cre- ence helped to convince local dentials for New Labour

"I believe that my own experipeople to vote for me."

The son of a steel smelter While Mr Ashton refused to and a school cleaner, Mr Ash-

Victor Patterson He was first elected for his son's multi-million fortune and be drawn on his local party's ton left grammar school at 15 to work on the shop-floor build-

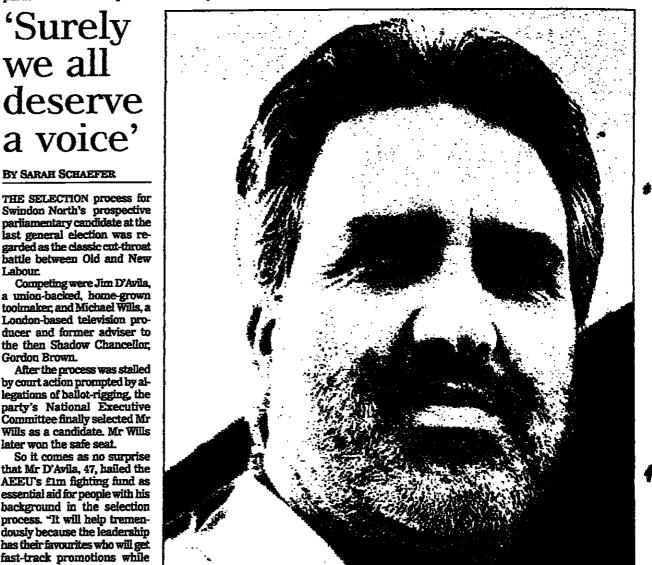
ing tanks for the Korean War. He joined the Labour Party at 16 and served on Sheffield City Council from 1962 before

Competing were Jim D'Avila, a union-backed, home-grown toolmaker, and Michael Wills, a London-based television producer and former adviser to

the then Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown. After the process was stalled by court action prompted by al-legations of ballot-rigging, the party's National Executive Committee finally selected Mr

Wills as a candidate. Mr Wills later won the safe seat. So it comes as no surprise that Mr D'Avila, 47, hailed the AEEU's 11m fighting fund as essential aid for people with his background in the selection process. "It will help tremendously because the leadership has their favourites who will get fast-track promotions while whispering campaigns against

the same time," he said. Mr D'Avila left his comprehensive school at 16 to join the Swindon Rover factory as a toolmaker and soon became a member of AEEU. He has worked at the factory ever



local activists are conducted at Jim D'Avila outside the Rover plant at Swindon

"Parliament should represent the whole country ... but, before the last election, most of the candidates selected were all serve a voice too - particular- years. "I know what problems

ly in a party which has always been one-member-one-vote." stituency chairman of the middle class. Surely people North Swindon Labour Party. with my class background de- has been a councillor for 21

and I have represented them for many years," he said. "I campaigned against Clause Four and support Tony Blair - I am hardly from the

workers on the shop-floor have

SIEMENS



see which one is best for you.

Fight against drug abuse is given £217m boost WOMEN TEENAGERS and eth- By Jason Bennetto ment, which is spending an ad- are being set up in Croydon, Liv-

nic minorities are to be targeted in a multi-million pound strategy to prevent drug abuse announced yesterday.

The government initiative lem drug takers.

the next three years on pro- men and women. viding local authorities and drug agencies with more treatment packages and funding to lished yesterday, which found wean addicts off their habits.

The Department of Health will contact drug action teams throughout the country this month, asking them to concentrate more on helping drug takers among young people of measures by the Govern-

Crime Correspondent

under 25 - particularly those under 18 - women and ethnic minorities. Current treatment follows evidence that there are services tend to concentrate only enough treatment places more on white men aged from to help one in every five prob- 20 to 35. The move comes as new evidence shows that hero-Up to £50m will be spent in in dealers are targeting young

The shift in strategy was backed by research, also pubthat every extra £1 spent on £133m is allocated for reducing treating drug misuse saved more than 23 by cutting crime and the cost of prosecution and

The cash is part of a package

ditional £217m over three years on top of the £1.4bn spent last year tackling drug misuse. It will be used to shift the emphasis away from reacting to drug users, for instance by imprisoning offenders, towards greater efforts at prevention, through, for example, education and rehabilitation programmes.

An extra £10.5m is to be channelled into the 106 drug action teams working in England to tackle local problems. A further drugs misuse in prisons. This will include the new drug treatment and testing orders, which can be used instead of jail for offenders who carry out crimes to fund their habits. Pilot projects

erpool and Gloucester. An additional £3m will be

spent on drug education and prevention programmes in schools and the community. Speaking at the launch of the strategy. Keith Hellawell, the United Kingdom drug co-ordinator - or "drugs tsar" - said education could "reduce the temptation" of drugs for young people.

The Standing Conference on Drug Abuse, an umbrella group for bodies working in the area of drug abuse, said the new figures were actually a major shift away from prevention and education in favour of treatment, with enforcement

IN BRIEF

Nanny denies murdering baby

LOUISE SULLIVAN, an Australian-born nanny, yesterday denied murdering a six-month-old baby in her charge. At a pre-trial hearing at the Old Bailey she said "not guilty" when the charge, of murdering Caroline Jongen on 21 April, was put to her. The trial could be delayed until January. Caroline's parents, Marcel Jongen, and his wife, Muriel, who had employed Ms Sullivan for five years, were not in court. Ms Sullivan is on bail.

PC illegally traced ex-wife's lover A CONSTABLE who used the police national computer to

track down his ex-wife's new lover was fined £150 yesterday. Andrew Skorski, 31, admitted one charge of using personal data contrary to the Data Protection Act. He faces disciplinary proceedings from Gloucestershire Police, Bristol Crown Court heard. Matthew Jewell, for the prosecution, said Skorski gave the lover's car details to a colleague and asked her to trace the owner.

A KENYAN magistrate yesterday adjourned until 25 October the preliminary hearing into the case against a game warden accused of killing British tourist Julie Ward 10 years ago. Simon ole Makallah was arrested in July in connection with Ms Ward's death in the Masai Mara game reserve.

Kenyans adjourn Julie Ward case

Camelot shuts out junior punters A CRACKDOWN ON under-age gambling stopped more than a million youngsters from playing the National Lottery last year, Camelot has claimed after a survey of retailers. Last

year Camelot dropped 30 retailers for under-age selling.

Blair attacked over Oasis party

THE HEAD of a government-funded anti-drug agency has resigned after claiming that and that message is getting Tony Blair gave young people the impression he tolerated drug abuse by inviting the PR people would never let him Oasis star Noel Gallagher to Downing Street.

David Macauley also said the failure to prosecute the son of Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, for selling cannabis gave young people a "confused mes-

Mr Macauley stood down in protest from his £40,000 a year post as the director of Scotland Against Drugs, which receives a £500,000 grant from the Scottish Office to develop community programmes.

He said he believed the decision to entertain Noel Gallagher, who argued that the taking of drugs was as normal as taking a cup of tea, at No10 was a mistake. "It's not just me criticising Tony Blair, the young people I talk to say they felt he was supporting drug taking. The Gallaghers are in their magazines and on the television

across," he said. go on television and say things that were racist. We need to

apply the same rules to drug Mr Macauley also feels the treatment of William Straw, 17. who received a caution, was a symptom of Government-lcd confusion. "If you are caught drunk-driving in Ayr or Sauchie you know it's unacceptable and you'll get banned. If you're caught with a couple of joints,

prosecution depends on where

you are. It confuses the police and the public." He added that he was angry at his organisation's budget being cut from £2m and having to deal with the Government's "confused message, if there is

one at all" on drugs. A Scottish Office spokesman /1 said: "We always favour a broad approach when dealing with drug abuse."

Jams in sky delay a third of all flights

BY LOUISE JURY

AIR PASSENGERS are suffering a "black year" for delays, according to figures released yesterday.

Late departures on major European flights in June were the worst for any month in nine years, the Association of

European Airlines (AEA) said. More than 20 per cent of its member airlines' scheduled flights were delayed by more than 15 minutes in the first half of this year.

This reached 29.1 per cent of body to enforce co-operation. departures in June, the worst monthly figure since 1989 and the second worst since records

began nearly 20 years ago. Karl-Heinz Neumeister, the secretary-general of the association, whose members provide about 90 per cent of European scheduled flights, said: "This year is turning out to be a black one for delays."

He said the late departures this year were a repeat of the crisis of 1989 when, at worst, more than 30 per cent of flights were being delayed.

In response, the associa-

tion, whose members include British Airways and British Midland, called for a single air traffic control system instead of the uncoordinated patchwork of national systems.

In some cases, for example, aircraft are passed from one country to another by telephone because the computer

systems are not compatible. But governments failed to respond to the plea and Mr Neumeister said this year's delays again showed what was needed was a pan-European

He added: "The big difference between 1998 and 1989 is that, while the earlier situation was rightly seen as intolerable. the current political reaction seems to vary from complacency to - almost unbelievably

self-congratulation." Phil Evans, senior policy researcher for the Consumers' Association, said the problem was capacity. But, he said, everyone was running away from the question because of the difficulties in expanding existing airports without up-

year by 7 per cent and its punctuality in July was the best July performance since 1993. A parliamentary select committee report earlier this summer on regional air services recommended provision of greater airport capacity in the

there has been no increase in

capacity, in terms of runways or

talk about it. But there has got

to be a debate, otherwise it's

going to get worse and worse."

Mr Evans said air traffic

controllers were reporting the

system was already beyond its

nits and the result was delays.

But, he added: "Some delays

A spokeswoman for British

She said: "The major con-

Midland said the company con-

stantly reviewed turn-around

tributor is the fact that the

south-east is among the most

congested airspace in the

world. Flying out of Heathrow

want to travel from Heathrow

because it is an airport close to

woman said it had outper-

formed the AEA average this

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the capital."

times to ensure punctuality.

are legitimate, some aren't.

Some are due to bad organisa-

tion and turn-around times."

"The airlines don't want to

facilities," he said.

south-east of England. The committee also recommended more use of feeder/ reliever airports and changes to runway operations to provide greater capacity in the

Opposition to plans for a fifth terminal at Heathrow has resulted in Britain's longestrunning public inquiry. It began

Blackpool Tower sold in £74m deal

BLACKPOOL TOWER and sev- By Linus Gregoriadis eral of Britain's most famous seaside piers were snapped up yesterday by the former Pontin's tycoon Trevor Hemmings in a £74m deal.

Leisure Parcs, a company controlled by Mr Hemmings, bought the resorts division of the entertainment giant First Leisure which also owned Blackpool's three piers and the Winter Gardens conference centre. As well as the attractions in Lancashire, Leisure Parcs has also bought piers at Eastbourne and Southsea on the south coast, and at Llandudno in north Wales.

Blackpool Tower, which was built over a century ago and is modelled on the Eiffel Tower in Paris, attracts more than a million visitors every year. It is one of Britain's 10 most popular fee-paying attractions. The tower is a Grade I

listed building and incorporates at its base a building containing attractions that include a world-famous ballroom and circus.

"It's business as usual today but it is too early to say what might happen in the future," a spokesman for the Tower said yesterday. First Leisure's chairman,

the former television executive, Michael Grade, announced that the resorts division was up for sale in April as part of a strategy of focusing on faster-growth leisure businesses such as bars, nightclubs and health and fitness centres. Mr Hemmings, who is be-

lieved to have spent his childhood holidays in Blackpool, was quickly tipped as a front

The former bricklayer, whose interests embrace hotels, pubs, a football team and racecourses, is now worth an estimated £315m. He made almost £60m by

fitness and family entertainment - where the board believes there are significant opportunities to enhance

it to the brewer Scottish &

Mr Grade said yesterday:

"The disposal is another major

step towards strengthening

the group's position in its

core growth markets - night-

clubs and bars, health and

Newcastle in 1989.

shareholder value. "The disposal will result HIGH LIFE ON

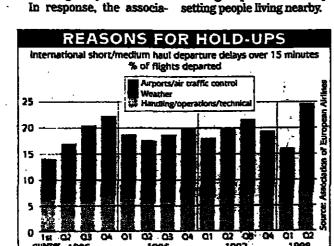
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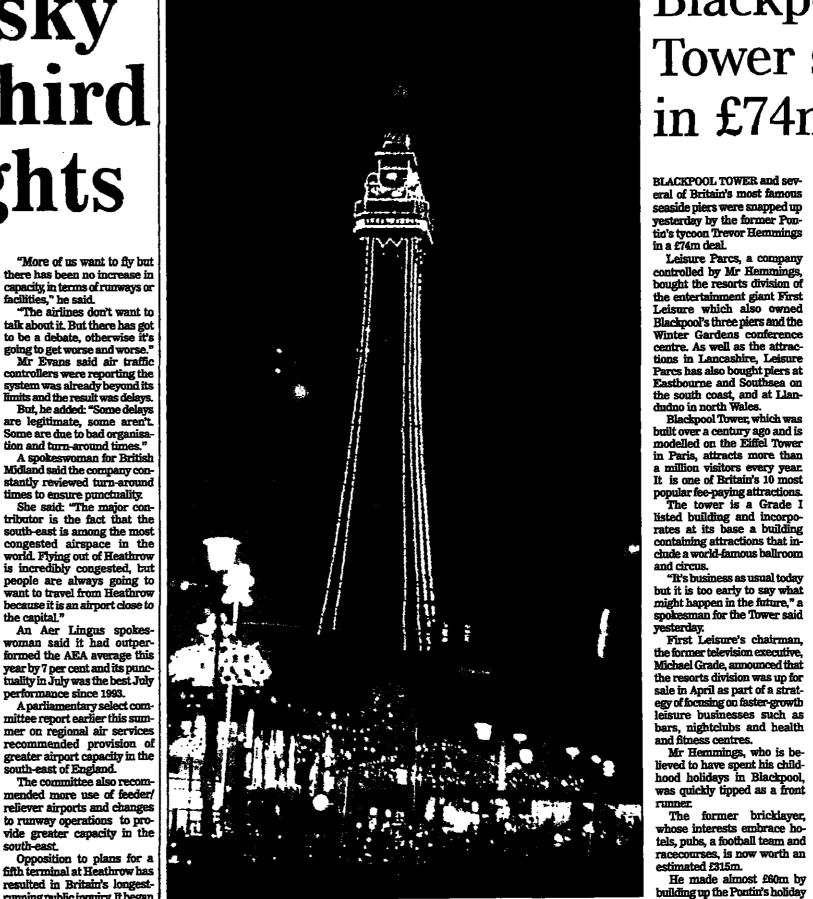
■ The 519ft high Blackpool tower was opened on 14 May 1894 when 30,000 people paid a 6d (2.5p) entrance fee.

■ Former Mayor Sir John Bickerstaffe got architects Maxwell and Tuke to emulate the Eiffel Tower. Its £42,000 cost was met by £1 shares being sold. ■ It is made from 2,500 tons of steel, 93 tons of cast iron and 5m bricks. ■ In the Second World War a US bomber missed it by inches and in 1956 it was closed for two years by fire ■ It was painted gold for its centenary at a cost of £1m and the Queen and Prince Philip joined the party - 385 feet up on the observation platform. ■ 1.2m visit each year and locals call it The Stick.

in the loss of two months' profits during Blackpool's peak season."

Earlier this year, First Leisure sold off its bingo division to management for £38m. Mr Grade said the £112m proceeds from the two sales would be used to reduce the group's





Blackpool Tower - one of Britain's top fee-paying attractions Raymond Williamson



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Cancer test doctors being victimised'

tissue taken from patients is checked for cancer, and the specialists who carry out the work are being judged too harshly, a

hospital consultant argues today.

After a series of "scandals" involving allegedly misdiagnosed cancers, Dr Milena na, consultant pathologist at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Dorset, says pathologists are being made into scapegoats and it is time that hospital managers and the public were told zero error is impossible.

AND ROGER DOBSON

In one year, 1995, 19 pathologists were suspended for alleged incompetence, but in 16 of the cases the allegations were proved unjustified at subsequent tribunals. However, only five of the pathologists have been reinstated. "Not guilty is not the same as innocent," Dr Lesna says in an article in the Journal of Clinical

Investigations are often trig-

hostility within a department. Female doctors were much less likely than men to get their jobs back, although they were more often found not guilty of

Bernard Charnley, consul-tant pathologist at the Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, has been suspended on full pay of £60,000 a year for four years, and it could take another year before the issue is resolved. By that time, the total cost to the National Health Service, including legal charges, could be more than £500,000. loried when there are many Dr Charnley's problems people around the country with began while he was on paternity far worse figures who are still

made that he had inaccurately reported the results of cervical screening tests, an allegation he has consistently denied. Colleagues say that the performance for the cytology service at the South Wales hospital was within national guidelines

and above average. One said:

"The tragedy is that he was per-

forming well and is very con-

in post. It is very unfair." A report on the case is due

in the next couple of months from an independent panel of experts, which is currently sifting through the evidence. Depending on the result, there could be an appeal to the Secretary of State for Wales, which could take another year.

The Royal College of Pathologists has not defined what

as reasonable, making it difficult for pathologists to know where they stand. One study of 200 pathologists found that only one quarter claimed to have made no error in the previous five years. Diagnostic work is a team effort and pathologists rely on other doctors to supply

backed by good clinical information, to make the diagnosis. The royal college and the General Medical Council have set up a peer review system to

states in her article. "Pathologists need to explain to the public that all diagnostic and screening errors carry a certain rate of error, and that accusations of professional incompetence only end up demoralising experienced staff who are often

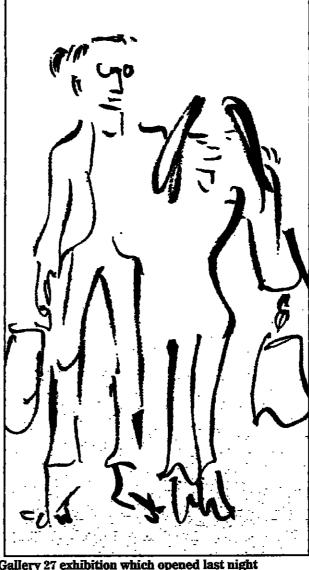
difficult to replace." Professor Ian Lauder, vicepresident of the Royal College, said the number of pathologists whose work had been identified as sub-standard was dispro-

adjudicate on alleged errors but portionate compared with other that is not enough, Dr Lesna specialties. Most doctors buried. their mistakes but the material that pathologists work with - tissue samples, cervical

smears - remain on file for ever "People will be able to come back in 100 years and see what mistakes I made," he said.

Professor Lauder said the college had been trying for some years to set up a study to. assess what would be an acceptable error rate for pathologists but had been unable to raise the necessary funds.





Two lithographs of original drawings by John Lennon - (left) John and Yoko' (1969), and 'The First One' (1977); both are on show at the Gallery 27 exhibition which opened last night

From the erotic to domestic, John Lennon's private sketches finally find an audience

Arts News Editor

too intimate - artworks by some of the best known musicians of the century went on show at a gallery yesterday. The exhibition included seven erotic lithographs by John Lennon.

Some of the artworks are on view for the first time in over two decades in this country. The lithographs, selling for £3,500 each, form part of the erotic sketches.

lyrics, "The Solo Years" and "The Beatles Years", priced at



'Karuizawa '77', by John Lennon, which is on show with works by other musicians, and (right) Lennon and Yoko Ono

and at home with his family, Alongside Lennon's love as well as prints of fellow

ton, Marvin Gaye and Bill Wyman. Prices start at £375. Other musicians featured include John Lurie, who

drummer with the rock band

Some of the most unusual works in the show are by the late Miles Davis. He started painting in 1980, beginning with primitive figures and then experimenting with colour and composition.

swirling abstracts and strong and artist.

African-inspired textures. Davis's prints start at £350, drawings from £1,500, and oils from £15,000 upward.

The exhibition at Gallery 27 in Cork Street, central London, was put together by The exhibition includes Jonathan Poole, a musician

Lynne Clifford, managing director of Bag One, which represents the estates of John Lennon and Miles Davis, said yesterday: "John Lennon was classically trained, but Miles Davis was very proud of the fact that he

would come at his paintings

in the same way he came at his music.

"He thought of them all as work on his large canvases from several different directions. He would lay one out on the floor and work from top to bottom, and then turn it

around. Financially, the artworks by Lennon will be eclipsed by the price of another piece of Beatles memorabilia.

On 15 September at the Hard Rock Čafe in London, Sotheby's will auction the notebook of the late Mal Evans, the former Beatles road manager.

The notebook contains a draft lyric by Paul McCartney for "Hey Jude", and a reserve price of £150,000 has been put on it.

The draft contains lyrics that did not appear in the eventual song, such as the psychedelic line: "Bow down to the plasticine bananas."

"Bag One" portfolio drawn by Lennon as a wedding gift to Yoko Ono. The collection was exhibited in London in January 1970, but was closed down on the second day by Scotland musicians such as Eric Claplithographs are paintings by the legendary jazz musician Yard, which confiscated the Miles Davis and rock stars, in-Also on display is a lithocluding Ronnie Wood of the graph collection of song Rolling Stones. Wood's sketches contain formed the band Lounge scenes from dressing rooms Lizards, and Tico Torres, the

Chinese restaurant fined record £30,000

A CHINESE restaurant in Pe- By JEREMY LAURANCE terborough has attracted a record fine of £30,000 after council officials found beer kegs and boxes of soft drinks standing in liquid sewage.

Environmental health officers who visited Denny's restaurant on Broadway in the city found worktops and equipment encrusted with food debris, lavatories opening into food rooms and doors blocked open.

In the cellar, a sewage pipe had become blocked and backed up so that drinks kept down there were standing in sewage sludge.

There had been no outbreak of food poisoning but Peterborough magistrates are thought to have taken a dim view of the way the premises had deteriorated since the last inspection six months previously. On that occasion some defects were noted in a warning letter to the

Health Editor

restaurant but they had not been put right.

The owner of the 100-seat restaurant, Sek Fat Cheng, pleaded guilty to nine charges under food-safety regulations. The restaurant remains open, although the blocked pipe has been repaired and other essential work carried out.

Council officials said they were staggered by size of the fine. Trevor Gibson, head of environmental and public protection, said: "We nearly fell off

our chairs." Arthur Cater, manager of Denny's, said he was considering appealing. "There have been some horrendous stories involving restaurants locally that were only fined £2,000 to £3,000 ... [the fine] is going to

affect the business badly."

He said the problem was caused by a blocked drain in the street. but "environmental

health officers took no excuses". The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health said the size of the fine was an indication of a new determination among magistrates to get tough over food safety. A spokesman said: "This kind of fine is the only effective deterrent."

There are an estimated 600,000 food businesses in Britain and about 1,000 prosecutions a year.

The number of prosecutions has fallen in recent years as the Government has encouraged a move to informal enforcement, using persuasion rather than

The Institute spokesman said: "We welcome the informal approach but it has to be backed by the ultimate sanction

Genetic engineers create sugar that is not fattening

THE NEWS for slimmers just gets better and better. First there was Olestra, the fat that didn't make you fat; and now Dutch scientists have produced sugar beet whose sugar tastes sweet but which the body cannot digest.

The result is a plant that efficiently makes a calorie-free sweetener known as a fructan, using genes taken from the Jerusalem artichoke. The first crop from a field trial of these transgenic plants will be harvested later this month.

The sugar industry is keenly interested in the new plants, but the companies involved have already put Dr Andries Koops, of the Centre for Plant Breeding and Reproduction Research in Wageningen, under a contractual gag on

their names. there are a number of patents sugar beet plant uses its stored ria in our colons might be able

By CHARLES ARTHUR **Technology Editor**

being filed for this," he told The Independent. If commercially successful, such plants could revolutionise dieting and

The sugar beet crop provides half of the UK's sugar, amounting to hundreds of thousands of tons annually, and biotechnology companies are already spending millions of pounds to develop herbicide-resistant transgenic forms of the plant, to improve crop yields.

Early results from the Dutch field trial suggest that the genetically modified plants are as healthy as normal sugar beet plants, which store sucrose in an underground root to help them survive the winter.

However, they might be in-"I can't name them. But fertile, because the normal

sucrose to make seeds. The transgenic plant may lack the ability to turn its fructan store back into sugar, meaning the

seeds are not viable. That, though, could be an advantage in a commercial transgenic plant, since it would lower the chances of the gene crossing into wild species.

The modified plants contain a gene taken from the Jerusalem artichoke, which naturally turns the sucrose into fructans — indigestible forms of the fruit sugar fructose. Fructans taste sweet to the human palate. "We all have the enzymes to digest sucrose, which chemically is a disaccharide," said Professor Koops. "But fructans are trisaccharides" - consisting of three sugar molecules linked together — "and we can't digest those. Only some of the bacte-

verted to fatty acids that would be dealt with by the liver."

The Dutch group's work, which has taken nine years, is reported this month in the science journal Nature Biotech-

"The system holds great promise for commercial exploitation," commented Professor Sjef Smeekens of the University of Utrecht, who said that for "those with a sweet tooth, but a mind for their waistline" the work should be a cause for celebration.

However, Dr Koops is less interested by this breakthrough than by future possibilities from transgenic sugar beet. "This is just testing the concept," he said. "What we are really looking at is the possibilities of using plants to produce chemicals such as polymers to

Chronic safety faults at Dounreay

BY STEPHEN GOODWIN Scotland Correspondent

MANAGERS AT the Dounreay nuclear plant were yesterday. ordered to "get tough on safety" after yet another damning report on operations at the north of Scotland site. Investigators sent into the 44-year-old installation found "many chronic safety problems", low morale and a failure of senior managers to even walk around the plant on a regular basis.

The team, headed by the Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, found organisational changes made within the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority over the past four years had "so weakened the management and technical base at Dounreav that it is not in a good position to tackle what is its principal mission - the decommissioning of the site".

The authority had hoped to resume reprocessing work at Dounreay - halted in 1996 after a leak - and privately believed its case was strengthened with the recent acceptance of weapons-grade material from Georgia.

But Donald Dewar, Secretary of State for Scotland. made plain in response to the report that the ban on new commercial reprocessing work would continue. There would be no reprocessing of material already at Dounreay until all the points raised in the

report had been dealt with. "One thing is clear - Dounreav must get tough on safety." Mr Dewar said. He has asked the Health and Safety Executive, which published the scathing 150-page report, for an immediate briefing on how the faults can be put right.

Though Laurence Williams, the chief inspector, declared Dounreay "currently safe", his team's findings and the demand for a "culture change" are a severe embarrassment to the authority and its Dounreay management. The criticisms echo a 1997 report that showed the plant reaching crisis point with areas overflowing with waste. Then, last July, the Commons Trade and Industry Committee condemned what it called a "culture of secrecy" pervading the various operations.

Mr Williams said the authority was "over-dependent" on contractors for the delivery of key functions and had failed to develop a comprehensive strategy for dealing with the various forms of radioactive waste at the site. The report is highly critical

over the "lack of progress" on decommissioning work at the Caithness plant, once Britain's centre for the development of fast-breeder reactor technology. In the past 10 years there had been virtually no work on a reactor shut down in 1977. About 1.000 fuel elements remain in the reactor but some are jammed and the authority has not yet developed a way of removing them. The investigators said man-

agers tended to be "self-referencing" and had accepted standards that would not have been accepted by the rest of the nuclear industry. According to staff, senior managers rarely walked around the plant on a regular basis.

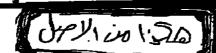
Friends of the Earth Scotland saw the report as a vindication of its long-running campaign for a complete end to reprocessing and a switch to alternative ways of dealing with radioactive waste, notably dry storage.

Kevin Dunion, director of FoE Scotland, said: "Given the problems the executive has highlighted, it beggars belief that anyone should consider reprocessing as part of the decommissioning process."



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Female bank manager found guilty of sex bias



THE COUNTRY'S youngest female bank manager was guilty of sex discrimination against one of her male employees, an industrial tribunal ruled

Kathryn Dowse, 21, insisted that trainee Andrew Gilbert should mop the floor at the branch in a supermarket in Heywood, Greater Manchester, the tribunal had heard.

Mr Gilbert, 24, also said that Ms Dowse was "rude and patronising" towards him. The tribunal in Manchester ruled that Mr Gilbert was the

victim of sex discrimination by the Midland Bank, who sacked

him after complaints by Ms Dowse before he had completed his probationary period.

The tribunal chairman, John Goodman, said: "The inference we draw on the evidence is that Kathryn Dowse perceived Mr Gilbert as a young, assertive man who posed some sort of

threat to her authority as a rel-

atively inexperienced, young, fe-

"One illustration we find illuminating is her insistence

The tribunal ruled the bank had been "uppeasonable and unfair" in the treatment of Mr Gilbert, of Handforth, Manchester, who now works as a theatre box office manager in Crewe, Cheshire.

They said he had been treated less favourably than the three other female employees at the branch, and the senior manager said to have authorised his dismissal had acted solely on information from Ms Dowse and made no attempt to speak to Mr Gilbert about her

Mr Goodman said in his ruling that the Midland Bank spoke in its literature of steps it took to prevent discrimination.

But he said: "No matter how pious and well intended those sentiments are, the employer must also take practical and active steps to ensure they are im-

"I can say quite emphatically we do not regard the conduct of the bank as indicative of taking such steps as were reasonably practical to avoid dis-



Andrew Gilbert celebrates his win with his mother, Stella McGuinness Chris Gleave

New HIV may not show up in tests

AIDS RESEARCHERS are urg- By STEVE CONNOR ing the Government to fund Science Editor strains of HIV in Britain as scientists revealed that a new type of virus has emerged that is responsible for an Aids epimay go undetected by present demic among heterosexuals.

tified a new class of Aids virus search at Edinburgh Universiin a woman from Cameroon in ty, said that keeping track of West Africa. The virus does not belong to the two main belp to identify new routes of types of HIV-1 and the researchers warn that it is likely country and abroad. to escape detection by existing

virologist at the Bichat Hospital in Paris, who found that it was so different to all other strains of HIV-1 that he had to classify it as belonging to a hibit different properties, which separate type.

Aids scientists in Britain said they have tried to convince medical authorities to monitor the emergence of subtypes of may be more likely than other HIV. The government's Public Health Laboratory Service in north London is responsible for monitoring the spread of HIV whether this was the case was in Britain but it analyses only two new infections a month for subtype information.

Scientists at the PHLS warned two years ago that it was necessary to increase the sampling programme to 50 tests a month.

"Two a month is not giving us a wide enough picture. We should attempt to subtype as many as we can so we can say what's happening around the country," one PHLS scientist

A strain of HIV, called sub-

coming infected after visiting Thailand, where the E-subtype

Dr Andrew Leigh-Brown, French scientists have iden- head of the centre for HIV redifferent HIV subtypes would transmission between this

"I think this sort of research programme could be highly in-The Cameroon virus was formative but it has been infinancial support for this type of work," Dr Leigh-Brown said.

Some scientists believe that certain subtypes of HIV may exmake them either more lethal or more easily transmitted. One study, for instance, found that subtype E of the virus subtypes to be spread during

heterosexual intercourse. Dr Leigh-Brown said that still a "very open question".

Dr Eddie Holmes, a research fellow at Oxford University who has studied HIV evolution, said that knowing the subtypes of HIV in the infected population can shed light

We are only scratching the surface and there may be many more subtypes that we are unaware of," he said.

"The question is, should we be concerned about the diversity of HIV and should there be

oble drone (Business made simples)



type E, has already appeared in more effort to sample it. The Britain as a result of tourists be- answer is, absolutely, 'yes'."

drug cocktail risks NIGHTCLUBBERS are at risk of By JEREMY LAURANCE

Clubbers are told of

developing "Saturday night fever" according to doctors at London's largest accident and emergency department.

The potentially dangerous syndrome is linked with the use of multiple stimulants - usually ecstasy combined with amphetamines, cocaine or other drugs. Over 15 months, St Thomas' Hospital treated 48 patients for ecstasy-related problems, more than half of whom had combined it with other drugs. Seven patients were ad- and crowded environment."

mitted and six suffered serious complications of delirium, seizures and coma.

Dr Hugh Williams and colleagues, who published the findings in the Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine, said over half the patients had taken the drugs while clubbing or at a rave. "The high percentage [suggests) adverse effects may occur more readily when ecstasy is used while dancing within a hot

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Moscow summit: two beleaguered presidents meet as their domestic problems threaten to engulf their discussions

Clinton tells Russia: stick to the rules

IT WAS what Russians call By PHIL REEVES Knowledge Day, the first day back at school for the autumn term, when the older pupils traditionally show the ropes to new arrivals, taking them hand-inhand around the flower-decked

The ceremony is meant to comfort the nervous, to show them that the place is safe and

These qualities were, however, not much in evidence yesterday. A befuddled President Boris Yeltsin sought to take in hand his new arrival from America, Bill Clinton, with reassurances that Rus-And a battered President Clinton sought to take Mr Yeltsin in lations, where the KGB's diplohand by urging him to stick to the painful journey towards a capitalist economy. But there was an end-of-term feel about

Knowledge was in short sup- for creditors. ply. No one was any the wiser about the issues that now count the exact price Mr Yeltsin will pay, or the tactics he will resort take the steps needed for stato, to secure parliament's confirmation of Viktor Chernomyrdin, his choice of prime much Mr Yeltsin took this on minister, the complexion of the government that may result friends," he said as he was from brokering a deal with the Communist-dominated Duma; No 1,130 during a Knowledge the strategy for curing a coun- Day visit. But when the two try in which the currency is men met and hugged in the

in Moscow

tottering and prices rising

Mr Clinton flew to Moscow intent on urging the Russians not to resort to Soviet-style remedies, a mission with the added attraction of diverting America's febrile interest from Monicagate. He came with Hillary, her first public appearance since the scandal broke.

Mr Clinton did, at least, make his point clearly enough. "You have to follow the rules if you want to be in the international community," he said in a speech to students at Moscow Institute of International Remats used to train. The rules, the President explained, meant paying taxes; not printing money, no bail-outs for special interests and fair treatment

There was a tinge of warning when he said: "We want to offer support - so long as you bility and progress."

It is open to question how board. "Bill Clinton and I are shown round Moscow's School

limbed, far-away look with Mr Clinton tried in vain to guide him to face the cameras, but gave up with an exasper-

The Kremlin publicity machine cranked into gear with a statement, attributed to Mr Yeltsin, that reforms would continue. The acting prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, chimed in by talking about tax collecting and cutting budget spending. This was music to the ears of the West and, more importantly, to the International Monetary Fund, which is threatening to withhold a \$4.3bn (£2.6bn) tranche of Russia's \$23bn rescue package.

Even the tax police weighed in with a rather sinister warning to schoolchildren that their free education would be in jeopardy unless their parents paid tax. Ultimately, this summit is

being overshadowed by the political dilemmas of its participants, and the magnitude of the crisis around them. The Russian newspapers were scathing. "Friends in

line. Moskovski Komsomolets compared it with the 1974 summit of the "half-corpse Nixon with the half-alive Brezhnev". Behind the scenes, American

opposition, including some min- years ago." isterial posts. On the eve of his boss's trip, the US Vice-

to the parliamentary left-wing same as Communists of 50 Gennady Zyuganov includes sonable deal can be done with

The reality, though, is that no one knows what the Commuwell have to make concessions munists of today are not the by the Communist Party leader to hear reassurances that a rea-

radical elements and about 15 per cent are Stalinist.

Mr Clinton will meet Mr

the Kremlin.

But, publicly at least, Mr

tion, who is insulting the nation Zyuganov remained on the and the common sense of us officials admit Mr Yeltsin may President, Al Gore, said: "Com- nists are. The coalition headed Zyuganov today. He will hope warpath. Western nations all", he said. It is not what the



President Bill Clinton passes the honorary guard as he lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow yesterday Need", said Segodnya's head-

Communists accuse Yeltsin Wall Street slump leaves the of 'raping' their country

BY HELEN WOMACK in Moscow

AS RUSSIANS showed their legendary hospitality to Bill Clinton and his wife yesteday, their own political and economic crisis went on to the back burner. But it bubbled no less fiercely for that, with the continued risk of boiling over.

bornly insisted on Viktor Chernomyrdin becoming prime minister, despite the fact that and Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of the State Duma, or lower house, overwhelmingly rejected his candidacy on Monday.

Apart from the nationalist enfant terrible, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who said "moral" Russians did not need a visit from a US leader who could not in his Cabinet. They were not manage his sex life, most MPs publicly named but state teletoned down their behaviour for Mr Clinton's benefit. But in the corridors of the Duma they and all the ministers in charge were far from showing a constructive approach to head off anarchy, which would be the worst nightmare of the West.

nady Zyuganov, accused Mr Yeltsin of "provocative behaviour". Three times in April he had insisted on the candidacy of Sergei Kiriyenko, the former prime minister, and that had led to disaster. "Now he's decided to rape the country," said Mr Zvuganov. The Communists. who want to see Mr Yeltsin's resignation if not impeachernment, with key ministries for themselves. Mr Zhirinovsky the liberal but anti-Chernomyrdin Yabloko faction, have each proposed themselves for

the job of prime minister. Yesterday Mr Chernomyrdin sent the President a list of politicians he plans to include

vision suggested the Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, of law and order would keep their portfolios. The Duma may vote again

on Friday or Monday on The Communist leader, Gen- whether to confirm Mr Cher-



Chernomyrdin: Snubbed by the lower house

nomyrdin, who was orime minister from 1992 to March this year. Since it holds him, rather than the short-lived government of Mr Kiriyenko, responsible for the country's agony, it is likely to reject him a second

If it says no three times, Mr Yeltsin has the constitutional right to dissolve parliament.

The situation would appear

stand-off between president and parliament before Mr Yeltsin sent tanks against his rebellious legislature in Octo-Mr Yeltsin can hope that if

the next Duma ballot is secret, there. By the time he arrived, moderate Communists, bound the weight of uncertainty had by party discipline in Monday's shifted to Washington. Layer by open vote, as well as members layer, it seemed, the almost abstained the first time, may support Mr Chernomyrdin. Or best part of his presidency was perhaps President Yeltsin peeling away. might put forward another candidate. The names of various regional governors as well as suffered its second-steepest Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow and fall yet. The Senate majority Yegor Stroyey, leader of the leader, Trent Lott, marked the upper house of parliament, return from the summer recess

have been suggested. Yesterday Vladimir Putin, the new head of the Federal Security Service, told Russians that, whatever happened, force would not be used to solve the lationship as a prologue to his country's problems.

We do have the power but and urged him to resign. we do not have the desire to violate the constitution and attack our own people."

to resemble the days of tense BY MARY DEJEVSKY in Washington

> WHEN PRESIDENT Bill Clinton set out for Moscow, the main concern in Washington was the uncertainty that awaited him Clinton has enjoyed for the

> While he was en route to Russia, the US stock market by attacking Mr Clinton's personal conduct as a "tragic example" to American youth. And one of the President's former mistresses described their reaffair with Monica Lewinsky,

> The stock market crash knocked the Moscow summit

months, the burgeoning market paralleled the popularity of the President, It was Mr Clinton's stewardship, even if that amounted to Alan Greenspan's gnomic non-intervention, that was credited with fostering America's boom.

feel-good President exposed

The question that hovered always in the background was how far Mr Clinton's popularfeel-good factor. America may be about to find out.

He attributed his 1992 election in part at least to attention to economic soundness. Sound economic management was frequently cited by voters for turning a blind eye to the "character" issue. Coming days and weeks will show whether his support holds up if the economy threatens to fall on hard

After Mr Clinton's admission of his "not appropriate" relationship with Ms Lewinsky and the steady drip of details about what went on between them, it is clear his personal layers of



Flowers: A 'prologue' to the Lewinsky scandal

thin. From all corners of the country come reports of former Clinton supporters unable to reconcile the new information with the boyish innocence they had accepted, and liked.

The re-emergence of Gennifer Flowers, whose claim of a 12-year relationship with Mr Clinton jeopardised the early stages of his campaign for the out of the headlines. For protection are also wearing presidency in 1992, is one straw fate.

in a wind that is blowing ever more harshly around the President. After the story of Ms Lewinsky and her taped confessions broke this January. Ms Flowers, an articulate and highly presentable woman. made no secret of the fact that she felt vindicated.

In a television interview this week she compared her own ex-perience of Mr Clinton - his reluctance to give her up, his reassurances about his wife, his risk-taking - and her genuine affection for him, with the experience of Ms Lewinsky.

Ms Flowers presented herself with a new credibility and confidence as the prologue to Ms Lewinsky. She could not believe, she said, that he could do such a thing, and in the White House, while he was president.

Increasingly, it seems, Ms Flowers' sentiments are echoed by "ordinary" Americans. A collapsing stock market could accelerate Mr Clinton's fall, but it is the gut instincts of Americans that will seal his

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Howard faces struggle to secure a second term

general election campaign, an in Sydney opinion poll yesterday indicat-Prime Minister, would be struggovernment

The first opinion poll published since the election was called on Sunday showed the Liberal-National coalition government and the opposition Labor Party neck-and-neck, with voters at 40 per cent support for each. Published in The Australian newspaper, the survey was run by Newspoll, considered the country's most reliable polling organisation.

For Mr Howard, the news was a chilling curtain-raiser to the five-week campaign for the election on 3 October. It showed his government's support had dropped four points since the last poll a fortnight ago. Labor's support remained fairly steady. The party that gained support in that fortnight was One Nation, the fringe group led by Pauline Hanson, whose calls to end Asian immigration and welfare programmes for Abo-

AFTER TWO days of Australia's By ROBERT MILLIKEN

ed that John Howard, the rigines have made her Australia's most notorious political gling to win a fresh mandate for figure. One Nation's national his conservative coalition support rose three points to 10 support rose three points to 10 per cent. It gained support at the expense of the coalition parties rather than Labor.

Support for One Nation is widely seen as a protest vote against the two mainstream parties. Four former prime ministers on Monday signed an open letter calling on people to vote last, under the preferential system, for any candidate who supports racism. Malcolm Fraser, a former Liberal Party prime minister, with the former Labor leaders, Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke and Paul Keating, said racism was an "unmitigated evil that would pitch Australian

against Australian". This has been a consistent pattern with the rise of One Nation, especially in the Queens-land state election in June where it captured 23 per cent of the vote at the expense of the coalition parties. If this is repeated during the federal cam-

paign, and is reflected in the final vote. Mr Howard could be staring at a political nightmare. Pollsters have not ruled out One Nation holding the balance of power in the Senate, the upper house in Canberra, or even the House of Representatives, the lower house where the gov-

ernment is formed. Mr Howard won a burst of support in mid-August after he announced a sweeping plan to reform the tax system. The centrepiece was a VAT-type consumption tax on almost everything, including food, with lower taxes for those on higher incomes. But welfare groups and churches have campaigned against the decision to tax spending on food; voters seem to be going lukewarm on the Howard plan.

The Labor Party, led by Kim Beazley, has put forward a less radical tax reform plan that does not include a consumption tax. Sol Lebovic, the managing director of Newspoll, said yesterday that whoever wins the tax debate during the campaign will have the best chance of forming the next government.

IN BRIEF

Yugoslavia break-up warning THE REFORMIST President of Montenegro predicted the

break-up of the rump Yugoslavia and blamed it on the federal President Slobodan Milosevic. Milo Djukanovic accused Mr Milosevic of autocratic rule and disregard of Montenegro in the Yugoslav federation it forms with

Chemicals sale to Sudan banned

THE DUTCH government disclosed that it banned a shipment of chemicals to Sudan in April because of fears that they might be used to make nerve gas. The shipment involved "dual-use" chemicals that have both a civilian and military application, said an Economic Affairs Ministry spokeswoman.

Troops fire on Indonesian rioters INDONESIAN SECURITY forces fired on rioters in Aceh

province in Sumatra yesterday, killing two people and wounding at least a dozen. It was the second day of rioting in Lhokseumawe, where violence was sparked by a troop withdrawal after a nine-year crackdown against separatists.

School for gypsy social workers A UNIQUE high school aimed at training Czech gypsies to become social workers opened vesterday in Kolin, central

Bohemia. Some 45 students will study at the boarding school, the only one of its kind in Europe. German far-right wins air-time

A GERMAN state court ruled that the national television network must air a campaign advertisement for the farright Republican party, saying that it violates no laws.

Orient Express returns

THE ORIENT Express rolled into Istanbul to a red-carpet welcome after an 18-year absence. Some 120 passengers made the four-night journey from Paris at a cost of £2,800.

Saudis secretly funding Taliban

By Robert Fisk Middle East Correspondent

ON THE face of it, Nawaf Obaid's report looks like any other student thesis prepared for Harvard's John F Kennedy School of Government

Entitled "Improving US Intelligence Analysis on the Saudi Arabian Decision Making Process", it might have mouldered on the shelves of the State Department official who requested it.

But the young Saudi's detailed account of kingly indecision, American ignorance and secret Saudi funding for the world's most ruthless Muslim militia has enraged his country's government, by revealing the Kingdom's religious divisions and its secret support for the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Quoting Saudi government officials, army officers and members of the Saudi National Guard, Obaid, who toured the Saudi Arabia last year but is now staying in Geneva, concludes that "US analysts have underestimated, overlooked or misunderstood the nature, strength and goals of the Wahhabi movement in Saudi Arabia, as well as the extent to which the secular leaders are beholden to this group".

Had US intelligence operatives "had a deeper understanding of the religious situation in Saudi Arabia", he says, they might have been able to prevent the 1996 bombing at Dhahran, which killed 19 Americans.

Until now, the Saudi dissident, Osama bin Laden, now in presence. Afghanistan, has been blamed for the bomb.

The first part of Obaid's thesis details the covert pressure of Saudi preachers on King Faisal to order an oil embargo against the United States after



the 1973 Middle East war, a step he eventually took "to pre-empt internal dissent and satisfy the growing frustration of the ulema (religious authorities)".

But it is the second half of his report, and its evidence of the immense power wielded by the most conservative elements in the Kingdom, that has so upset the Saudis.

He quotes a "senior official" at the Saudi ministry of justice - a member of the al-Shaikh family who have held the highest religious offices in the King-dom - as saying King Fahd sought the help of his senior religious leaders before allowing US troops to land in Saudi Ara-

Mass trial 'a

pantomime'

A MASS trial of Algerian By JOHN LICHFIELD

terrorist suspects opened in an expensively converted gymna-

sium in the southern suburbs

of Paris yesterday amid alle-

gations of pantomime justice

dants, more than 200 lawyers

and 300 police officers will

gather each working day for the

next two months in the gym-

pasium of a prison-officer train-

ing school at Fleury Mérogis, 20

A last-minute attempt to

delay the trial - on the ground

that it is impossible to ensure

a fair hearing for so many

defendants simultaneously -

was rejected by the presiding

judges.
Defence lawyers and human

rights activists have also com-

plained about the draconian

French anti-terrorist laws,

which have kept 27 of the

defendants in jail awaiting trial

Local politicians have grum-

bled about the £1m cost of con-

verting the gym, most of it

spent on temporary security

measures, including 27 bullet-

proof boxes for the accused.

for three to four years.

miles from the capital.

No lewer than 138 defen-

and political interference.

bia after Saddam Hussein's occupation of Kuwait in 1990. "All the senior ulema were categorically against the idea," a court official is quoted as telling Obaid. "It was only after long discussions with the King ... that Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdel-Aziz Bin Baz reluctantly gave his endorsement to the idea on condition that solid proof be presented as to the [Iraqi]

The King was persuaded to admit the US forces after a meeting of the Saudi High Command at which General Saleh el-Mahya, the army commander, talked of the "pitiful lack of uniformed men" in his forces and General Ahmad Behery, the air force commander, said that, given the strength of Iraqi land forces, a Saudi air defence would be "futile".

US Defense Secretary Dick Cheney would later promise that US troops would not stay in Saudi Arabia "a minute longer than they were needed". A meeting of 350 ulemos at

Mecca eventually agreed to the temporary US military

But to appease the ulema, King Fahd was forced to make concessions, increasing the authority of the Mutaween, the religious police who impose the strictest laws of Wahhabiism. a purist Islamic faith original expounded by Mohamed bin Abdul Wahab, whose descendants are now the powerful ai-Shaikh family. For Wahhabis, only the strictest Islamic law is valid, while unbelievers are infidels, deserving punishment.

This same religious police would later create the Taliban's Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Suppression of Vice, which has made Afghan women

In Saudi Arabia, Obaid says, the US underestimated the ulemas' dissatisfaction when American troops staved on.

Thus, the bombers who struck at US personnel, first in the capital, Riyadh, and then in Dhahran, "did not originate externally, but derived their theological and strategic underpinnings from the main-

stream Wahhabi sect". As resentment grew and Sheikh Salman al-Audah and Sheikh Safar al-Hawali demanded the withdrawal of US troops, Saudi security forces found that their followers tried to prevent their arrest.

According to a former interior ministry official, Obaid says, the region's governor, Prince Faisal bin Bandar, went to Riyadh "to seek ... assistance from the special forces of the

There have been questions

about the methods of the

investigating judge - France's

terrorist-buster-in-chief, Jean-

Louis Bruguière. Defence

lawyers say that the epic size

of the charge sheet reflects

Maitre Bruguière's desire to

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pects, and probably will be ac-

of police raids in 1994 and 1995

that allegedly unravelled an

Algerian fundamentalist terrorist network, planning attacks on

The network was allegedly

masterminded by Mohamed

Chalabi. 43, known to police as

a small-time criminal. Large

quantities of weapons and

explosives were found in the

raids, but defence lawyers will

argue that these were intended

to supply the Islamic funda-

mentalist side in the Algerian

civil war - not to attack French

property or people.

civilian targets in France.

The case arises from a series

quitted before the trial ends.

Scores of the defendants, they

beutini.

burnish his media image

Ministry of Interior". US intelligence officers "should have nised the significance ... that this 'extremist' group gained enormous popular support through propaganda that directly targeted US, French and British troops".

Obaid quotes a former senior Pakistani civil servant saying that in Afghanistan "the US provided the weapons and the know-how, the Saudis provided the funds, and we provided the training camps ... for the Is-lamic Legions in the early 1980s and then for the Taliban."

The Saudis and the US chose the Taliban, Obaid says, with the belief that they would be able to take over Afghanistan.

But it was the Taliban's supreme commander who would later demand "a removal of all US troops from Saudi Arabia". Ominously, Obaid adds, "this is the same call made by

Wahhabi fundamentalists in the Kingdom before the Riyadh and Dhahran hombings. And if Mr bin Laden actually was behind these attacks, there is even more reason to fear Taliban-inspired terrorism."

Obaid goes on: "According to a high-ranking official in the [Saudi] ministry of justice, Sheikh Mohamed bin Jubier (current chairman of the Saudi Consultative Council], who has been called the 'exporter' of the Wahhabi creed in the Muslim world, was a strong advocate of aiding the Taliban.

The connection should have been clear to US operatives in the region, as it was known that the Taliban were largely composed of Afghan refugees from Pakistani theological schools whose clerics "received their degrees from Saudi Arabia and taught a strict form of Wahhabi theology and law".



Militia organiser Osama bin Laden (left), and Crown Prince Abdullah (above), now undermined by fundamentalists

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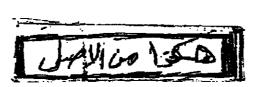
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Japan wakes up to defence danger

about its military vulnerability, the Japanese government conceded yesterday that it failed to spot a North Korean ballistic territory on Monday

The country's leaders have for a star wars-style missile defence shield, which would knock out incoming enemy missiles in mid-flight. Despite encouragement from the United States, Tokyo has been reluc-

anti-missile network for fear of offending China.

The Taepo Dong I missile, missile that was fired over its which could potentially deliver a chemical, conventional or nuclear warhead anywhere in suddenly woken up to the need Japan in less than six minutes, was detected by American military forces who informed Tokyo after two stages of the missile had crashed into the sea.

Japan's Self-Defence Force, which knew about the possibiltant in the past to invest in an ity of the missile test and was in

IN AN embarrassing admission that has revived debate in Tokyo BY RICHARD LLOYD PARRY to the government, was unaware of its launch.

The government's spokesman. Sadaaki Numata. said yesterday: "The first information that we received ... from the US sources, was that there had apparently been a missile launch from the eastern part of Korea to the Sea of Japan."

North Korea's programme to develop the long-range Taepo arsenal of short to mediumrange Scud and Rodong mis-

lysts. But yesterday's test came almost literally out of the blue to most Japanese and has provoked anxiety in a people acutely conscious of their geographical isolation at the edge

of an unpredictable continent.

"It is crucial that Japan have in place an air-tight defence system so that it is not taken by surprise in the event [of] an attack," the country's best-selling paper, Yomiuri Shimbun, said sterday in an editorial.

"Japan's people are extremeauxious and I am deeply Keizo Obuchi, said.

"People in Japan should be very alarmed," said Robert Karniol, Asia-Pacific editor of Jane's Defence Weekly. "Not just because this unstable regime has the capability to reach Japan, but because the Japanese government didn't know about the launch."

At a special meeting of the Japanese cabinet's security council yesterday morning, the defence minister, Fukashiro Nukaga, was reported to have said that Japan will without

defence system.

The US has been urging Japan to participate in a project to develop the Theatre Missile Defence (TMD) initiative, a futuristic system of early-warning satellites and surface-based rockets that would knock out incoming missiles. But Japan's Defence Agency has made no request for funds for the project, ostensibly to avoid offending the Chinese government, which has long been suspicious of any strengthening of Japanese mil-

TMD, which could cost upwards of one trillion yen (£4.15bn), may also be a factor in the current economic crisis. An alternative is a cheaper system of independent reconnais-

sance satellites, which has been

discussed since the Seventies. Japan's leaders were unanimous in expressing their anger quite fair to say that a war could have broken out," said Yoshiro Mori, secretary general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Japanese food aid to

However, the expense of the victims of North Korea's famine is likely to be put on hold.

The incident also jeopardises an international agreement designed to halt Pyongyang's suspected nuclear weapons programme by providing fuel oil and safe nuclear reactors.

The Korean Peninsula Energy Development Association, the international body oversee-"If the firing was intentional, it's ing the agreement, of which Japan is a key member, yesterday amounced that the supply of funds for the project had been "indefinitely postponed by some member countries".

Burma

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prepare

to open

colleges

THE BURMESE government is poised to reopen the nation's universities, which have been

closed for the past two years

since students mounted pro-

Lieutenant-Colonel Hla Min,

the government's de facto

spokesman, told The Indepen-

dent that he estimated the uni-

versities could open "in two to

three months' time". He said

that although politicians had

"done much to incite the stu-

dents", he believed "most stu-

dents are apolitical" and there

was little concern about

position leader, is also con-

cerned about the lack of

education, and says that if the

universities reopen she does

"not see any reason why there

should be unrest unless there

been closed for all but two of the

past ten years. A serious edu-

cation gap is emerging in the

country, an evident concern to

the government. "Kids are wor-

ried, parents are worried," said

Final-year examinations for

students, who have had no

Burma's universities have

is cause for it".

Aung San Suu Kyi, the op-

protests breaking out again.

democracy demonstrations.

BY STEPHEN VINES in Rangoon

Norway: Leader cries off duties as his father tells of son's sleepless nights caused by unfair criticism

Prime Minister too depressed to run country

"LUCKY NORWAY", say envious neighbours in Scandinavia. The country has oil and gas galore, bucketfuls of fish and plenty of scenery. No one really needs to work, and still everyone is rich.

Lucky also to rank among world leaders in terms of the per capita number of psychologists: things are not going too well at the moment.

The price of oil is plunging, the national currency is on the skids, mortgage rates are going through the roof, and amid all this the Prime Minister has gone on a week's sick leave with an illness only a psychologist

Kjell Magne Bondevik, an affable Lutheran pastor pushed into the vacant prime ministerial chair last year, just could not take the strain. On Monday his office announced that the leader was suffering from a "depressive reaction to stress".

Stunned Norwegians, well-accustomed to feeble excuses for avoiding work - sunny weather is deemed a reasonable one – had to find out the yesterday irom Mr & devik's 93-year-old father.

Johannes Bondevik told the daily Aftenposten.

His son could not get to sleep, and seemed generally

"He has not only had a great deal of pressure from work, he's also had little understanding from the opposition, and was subjected to a lot of unfair criticism ... He cannot manage all rather than the seventh suc-

By IMRE KARACS

of this on his own," Bondevik Senior explained. A week's leave, the psychologists ex- his feet. plained in the nation's newspapers, would suggest that the PM was perhaps not clinically depressed, merely down. The blues may have been brought on by his work-load, or by the sudden plunge in his popularity in recent weeks.

The three-party minority coalition including Mr Bondevik's Christian People's Party was grappling with the budget as the currency crisis struck.



"We noticed something was Normally, balancing the books wrong in the last two weeks," in Norway does not require great skill, but negotiations this time were bogged down by quarrels over the Prime Minister's pet project.

At the weekend it became apparent that his plan to give families with toddlers the equivalent of £300 a month "child-minder benefit" would have to be shelved. This blow,

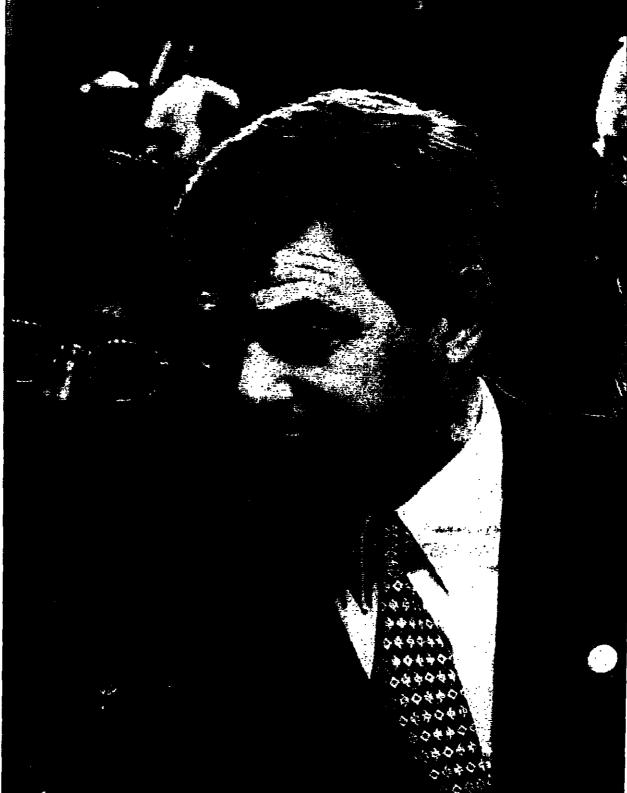
cessive rise in interest rates and speculative raids on the krone, seems to have knocked the 50-year-old Mr Bondevik off

Norwegians digested the news with sympathy, and there were words of comfort from his political adversaries. "It shouldn't matter," declared Thorbjorn Jagiand, leader of the Labour Party. "One must be allowed to be sick in this country." Even Karl I Hagen, leader of the far-right Progress Party, applauded Mr Bondevik's decision "to be more open about mental suffering".

But there were also voices suggesting that anyone who could not stand the heat should get out of the political kitchen. You have to be able to take political pressure," said Odvar Nordli, who in 1981 was forced to resign as Labour prime minister by a combination of splitting headaches and debilitating

Not even tolerant Norway Mr Nordli hinted darkly, would put up with a PM on permanent sick leave: "It's not a problem taking a week off, but if he is going to be ill for a longer period, then you have to reevaluate the situation."

If he should leave, parliament might still have to summon a psychologist. For the Jagland, head of the biggest party. But he is still in a sulk and refusing to form a government, because a few thousand Labour voters snubbed him in



Kiell Magne Boudevik (above) followed another Norwegian premier, Odvar Nordli (left), in falling prey to stress

classes for two years, have just been held. It is widely rumoured that all students sitting these tests will pass them, regardless of ability. Exams will then be held for other years and, to cope with the backlog, classes will be doubled up. The government was still

sufficiently nervous over readmitting students to university campuses to organise the exams in schools where smaller groups of students could be controlled more easily.

There is also a crisis in the schools, where a combination of poverty and lack of resources has led to an alarming drop-out rate at primary-school level.

"Children are happier when they go out to work because they can earn money and contribute something to their families," said a worker with a nongovernmental organisation that

has child-oriented projects. She said that those staying at school are faced with demoralised teachers who are not paid enough to survive on their school salaries. "The whole quality of education has broken down," she added. "The children are trained by rote learning, they are not encour-

The 'black dog' that picks victims among world leaders



THE NORWEGIAN Prime Minister, Kiell Magne Bondevik, off work for at least a week because of acute depression, is but the latest victim of a sickness that has long afflicted political leaders in many lands.

Britain has had a famous list of sufferers, none more so than Winston Churchill (right) who would refer to the beast as the "black dog". Harold Macmillan was another prime minister to be afflicted, never able to escape "the inside

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

feeling that something awful and unknown was about to happen". Some found respite in drink: Macmillan found his in "going away for a few days" to read Jane Austen, Lord Steel of Aikwood (left), the former Liberal leader, is among contemporary politicians to have had bouts

of depression. At least one in 200 people suffers from clinical depression. The nature of

their job, however, makes politicians especially vulnerable. Few trades cast

their practitioners so brutally from the elation of electoral victory and untrammelled power to defeat and nothing. Abroad it is no different. The Russian President, Boris

Yeltsin, is similarly afflicted. Just as Churchill's worst bout of "Black Dog" came after he was ejected from the government during the First reached his nadir after being

disgraced by Mikhail Gorbachev in November 1987.

"I would sleep three or four hours a night and then the thoughts would come creeping back," he wrote in his autobiography Against The Grain. "Everything about me was burnt out. everything within me was burnt out." Twice, according to his former bodyguard Alexander Korzhakov, he tried to commit suicide.

After being cast into

Bush, after his presidential defeat by Bill Clinton in 1992, which he never believed could happen.

Among this distinguished company, Mr Bondevik's service is to have owned up to the condition while he

he despised, Mr Gorbachev himself would display some symptoms of the malady. So

nonchalant of men, George

did even that most

suffered from it, in office, and to seek medical advice to



Doing the rich man's dirty work in City of Angels

ONCE UPON a time Los Angelenos, like all big-city dwellers ten, is that the task has been works for the city sanitation buin the United States, were taken on by labourers at the asked to separate their recyclable rubbish into glass, paper and aluminium cans before in baking hot recycling centres around LA's evolving network putting it out for collection. But that was before the advent of the Big Blue Bins.

For the past month or so, the bins have been popping up on er to pay rock bottom wages to street corners with an alluring a handful of short-term labourinvitation to dump everything ers and ensure that the recy-- newspapers, bottles and even plastic - right inside without

bothering to sort it all first. process wonderfully convenient, of course, so much so impossible to reuse. that most people have accepted the labour saving change without asking themselves the not separating the garbage,

who wade through the detritus well out of public view on the fringes of the city.

The logic of the operation is their official name. cold but simple: it is far cheapclables are sorted properly than it is to rely on householders, most of whom do not This makes the whole do the job right and make a large proportion of the rubbish

People come up and tell me separating their cans and botniggly little question: if we are tles. While we certainly appreciate that, I wish I could say it for the entire city. Regret-The answer, for those with tably, it just hasn't happened."

enough of a conscience to lis- said Daniel Hackney, who reau and spends most of his very bottom of the social pile. days taking coachloads of foreign municipal managers of "Merfs", or material recycling facilities, to give them

Mr Hackney insists that LA is at the cutting edge of urban waste management, and that sooner or later cities around the world will follow its lead. The economics are unassailable, he says, since the cost of labour is easily absorbed by the far higher crop of recyclables harvested - as much as 50 per cent, as against 6 per cent how religious they are about under the old system. Not only that, but street scavengers can no longer cream off the pick of pre-sorted recyclables, and jobs are created too.

AMERICAN TIMES



Waste management is a can of worms for US politicians

fered by some of the city's pecially if they do not have to more ardent self-flagellation freaks: that Angelenos are simply inconsiderate, lazy and idence for such an assertion. all too ready to let others do Part of the reason the Repub-

kind interpretation being of- their dirty work for them, espay for it.

There is some historical ev-

lican Sam Yorty was elected mayor in the Sixties was because he promised to cancel an early garbage separation programme, which he denounced as "coercion against the housewives of the city". Los Angeles is a city founded on naked free market enterprise and individual freedom, not collective

responsibility or civic sense. This was a point that even Mr Hackney partly conceded, imbue people with a sense of responsibility in a city with such vast guiss in wealth, culture and language. "In a small, socially homogeneous city like Santa Monica (a separate entity within the LA metropolitan area that runs its own garbage programme) you can aspire to

dozens of neighbourhoods and

Despite this admission of torted and inaccurate, but beyond reacting sensitively to a few errors of detail.

negative publicity about their He did say, however. new garbage policy. A couple of weeks ago a Los Angeles creasingly mechanised, so Times reporter, Robert Jones, visited a Merf in sizzling Sun Valley and found what he called "a scene out of the 19th century" - workers bending over saying it was impossible to a fast-moving conveyor belt, furiously pulling at different items and dropping them into a bin below them. Many of them are at it for 10 hours day, few earning much more than the minimum wage of \$5.75

(£3.44) an hour. So furious was the city and the private companies they have your glass and cans and employ to run the Merfs that paper all neatly sorted. But not journalists were promptly nuishell.

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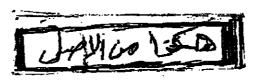
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raged that the article was dis-

the Meris were growing inthat soon most if not all of the sorting will be done by machine. "I suppose Jones will then berate us for cutting jobs. Well, you can't have it both ways," he said.

But Mr Jones's argument was less with the city than it was with his fellow citizens. "We dump our mess into blue bins because we can afford to pay a certain class of desperate men to separate the mess for us," he wrote. And that, one might add, is the unlovely spirit of Los Angeles in a

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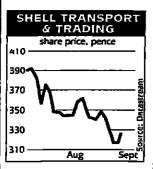
BRIEFING

US firm offers £207m for Rubicon

AMERICAN ENGINEERING group Applied Power yesterday made an £207m agreed takeover bid for Rubicon, the British computer box and electronic equipment manufacturer. The 235p per share bid follows Applied's successful £115m takeover of Vero Group, a British electronic components group in May.

Rubicon shares jumped 65p to close at 225p yesterday , on news of the bid. Applied's chairman, Richard Sim, said that the acquisition of Rubicon will transform Applied into a leading global manufacturer of casings and enclosures for electronic systems.

Shell shares rise on merger hopes



SHARES IN SHELL Transport & Trading rose strongly yesterday amid persistent speculation that it may merge with Texaco. A Netherlands spokesman for the Anglo-Dutch Shell group insisted that a full corporate

merger was not on the cards but he admitted talks on combining various aspects of its business were possible. Shares in Shell rose from 316.5p to 327p in London with

analysts saying investors were buying the stock in anticipation of a merger - which could bring costs-savings, restructuring and better critical mass, they believed.

Prince and KPMG meet in court

A LEGAL BATTLE between Prince Jefri, younger brother of the Sultan of Brunei, and the accountancy firm KPMG reaches London's High Court in the Strand today. Prince Jefri is seeking to prevent KPMG from divulging personal financial information about himself to the Government of Brunei, which has hired KPMG to carry out a thorough investigation of the oil kingdom's financial position.

Last year the prince engaged KPMG to compile a report on his personal finances, and provided unprecedented access to 50 forensic accountants from the firm. The prince is now claiming that KPMG cannot do the new job for the Government as this would be a conflict of interest.

A spokesman for the prince said yesterday: "Prince Jefri has nothing to hide. He has absolutely no objections to legitimate professionals being engaged to make these sorts of investigations, as long as they are not conflicted." A KPMG spokesman countered: "That's why we are in court tomorrow - because we believe that we are not conflicted".

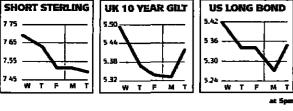
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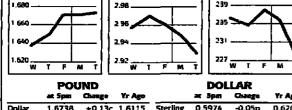
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World reaction: From Midlands to Malaysia, banks and firms count the cost of collapse

Crisis costs Barclays £335m,

RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL crisis could lead to a worldwide credit crunch, with serious knock-on effects on the real economy, Martin Taylor, the chief executive of Barclays Bank, claimed yesterday.

The warning came after the bank admitted it had lost some £335m over the last two weeks as a result of the crisis, most of if over the last few days. Mr Taylor said it was "non-

sense" to dismiss Russia as "an economy the size of Luxembourg ring-fenced from the rest "You cannot have a major

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world economy defaulting with-

Financial Editor out that creating shockwaves around the world," he said.

"The prospects for the world conomy are materially worse than they were four weeks ago. It will lead to a contraction of credit. Bankers' natural reaction is to call a halt to lending,"

Two other banks disclosed big Russian hits yesterday. Nomura, the Japanese bank which is a big player in Eastern Europe, disclosed that it had lost \$350m on its holdings in

On Wall Street, Bankers Trust, which earlier this year bought the equity business of National Westminster Bank, said it expected to show a net loss in the third quarter after it went down \$350m on its Russian trading book.

Salomon Smith Barney, the US investment bank, said late on Monday that it had lost \$150m in the last two months. Barclays estimated its total bank lending and net securities exposure to Russia was some

£340m, most of which was held by Barclays Capital, the debt trading operation run by Bob

charge of the order of £250m to cover potential losses

In addition Barclays reckons collapse in emerging market debt trading worldwide since the Russian crisis, most of it over the last few days.

Mr Diamond said that there were no specific cutbacks planned as a result, but "anyone who is in this business right now who isn't reassessing the business ought to be."

Yesterday's warning from Barciays caught analysts by surprise. British bank exposure to Russia had been widely

The group expects to take a thought to be relatively modest compared to banks in Germany which collectively are the biggest holders of Russian it has lost £75m because of the sovereign debt. or the US investment banks.

Nick Collier, analyst at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, said he would be cutting his forecast for the year by more than the £340m, reflecting his concerns that Barclays Capital would now be allowed less capital to play with. He had been expecting pre-tax profits of £2.63bn this year.

As well as being the biggest loss suffered by a British bank and the biggest disclosed by a of British banks.

major financial institution so far, Credit Suisse First Boston, one of the biggest players in the Russian debt market, is thought to have lost \$400-\$500m.

Barclays has written down its entire stock of Russian debt by 80per cent in the case of dollar-denominated debt and 90 per cent for rouble debt, reflecting the fact that the Russian currency has halved in value in the last few days.

"Our position has got worse to the tune of £100m since Wednesday," said Mr Taylor, adding that Barclays was possibly the most heavily exposed

Shares try to resist the Dow spiral

STOCK MARKETS around the BY STEVE LEVINSON world regained some of their poise yesterday as Wall Street staged a recovery and prices elsewhere dipped only modestly in reaction to the 6.4 per cent slump in Dow Jones industrial index on Monday.

Even so, there was no consistent pattern to the day's price movements. In London the FTSE swung wildly. At its lowest point in mid-afternoon it was down 173.7 points, and looking to be heading below 5.000. But it closed at 5,169.1 a loss on the day of 80.3 points.

This was a much smaller loss than many had expected. given that the London market was closed for Bank Holiday Monday and had some catching up to do after the Dow plunged 512.61 points.

Wall Street helped repair some of the previous day's damage when trading opened in New York. After early wild gyrations the Dow settled down to show a steady recovery. By lunch time it was 192.84 points up at 7731.65

volatility on Wall Street is at prices to just below 3 per cent. an end. "Wall Street still looks very vulnerable," said Ian are all right, and the good fun-Harwood, head of Economics and Strategy at DKB. "The reason it has been

going down is that people have begun to realise that company earnings expectations are unrealistic. "To expect 15 per cent prof-

its growth to continue next year is manifestly absurd. what sort of earnings US cor-

"Russia has been a catalyst

porations will declare over the next 12-18 months." Markets elsewhere also refused to follow Wall Street's Monday slump.

In Japan the Nikkei showed an unexpected bounce. The index gained 261.74 points to close at 14,369.63. Hong Kong, however, followed Wall Street down, losing nearly 3 per cent of its value.

Most markets in Europe gave the same muted reaction as London. The heaviest fall was in Milan, where prices fell 2 per cent. But the Paris CAC-40 index was down only 5.56 points and 3646.29, while in Germany the DAX, helped by Wall Street's rally, rose 44.61 points to 4855.89.

Finance ministers from Europe and the US attempted to calm nerves by stressing the strong economic fundamentals on both continents.

German finance minister Theo Waigel said his government stood by its forecast of However, there is as yet growth this year of 2.5-3 per

"What is important is that the fundamentals in Germany damentals offer every chance to achieve our economic growth forecast this year," he

US deputy Treasury secretary, Larry Summers had a similar message about the prospects for the US economy. "I do not see any reason why these market developments should interfere with the basic to make people think about momentum of economic

Insolvency in Japan hits Walsall offshoot

MALAYSIA HAS decided to with- By STEPHEN VINES

draw the ringgit from interna- in Hong Kong

tional markets following a

more than 40 per cent in a year.

in Kuala Lumpur announced a

raft of measures to prevent

the international trading and

holding of the Malaysian ring-

git overseas. Stiff currency con-

The stock market delivered

its verdict by registering a

plunge of over 13 per cent in

share prices, but the ringgit

Prime Minister Mahathir

Mohamad said the country

could "no longer stay with the

rose in value by 5.2 per cent.

trols will apply.

Yesterday the Central Bank

ion of its currency

AN INJECTION-moulding company based near Walsall has been forced into receivership following the failure of its Japanese parent company, which itself was a victim of the Asian financial crisis, writes John Willcock.

Showpla (UK), which supplies components to the car industry, employs 150 people and has annual sales of £10-£12m. Its parent, Showa Plastics, entered a "rehabilitation process" under Japanese insolvency law on 14 August, which in turn prompted several of the British susbsidiary's clients and suppliers to lose confidence in Showpla.

Corporate recovery partners William Tacon and Kim Rayment of Ernst & Young were called in as receivers by Showpla's management, and are confident of they can sell the business as a going concern.

He claimed the move would

promote the stability of the

economy and encourage

analysts believe it will dis-

courage overseas investment in

Malaysia and make the

On Saturday both the Cen-

tral Bank governor and his

deputy resigned in a move

widely interpreted as opposition

to the imposition of strict

A number of other Asian

economy more insular.

foreign controls.

However, many market

foreign investment.

When customers heard that Showa was in trouble, a number of them repossesed the dies used by Showa's 19 giant injection moulding presses. said Mr Tacon. It is common practice for customers to own the dies used by suppliers in the injection-moulding industry. Showpla was set up 10 years

ago to supply Japanese electronics and auto companies operating in the UK.

HOPES among industrialists By STEVE LEVINSON that instability on the world's financial markets might convince the Bank of England to bring forward an early cut in interest rates were undermined yesterday when the Bank's latest money supply figures showed a pick-up in mone-

countries have looked at the

are effectively bringing them

back to their position before the

export-led Asian economic

boom began in the late 1970s.

appears that the frenzy of gov-

ernment share-buying last

Friday left the state with an

estimated 3 per cent holding in

local blue-chip stocks. The

Hong Kong Monetary Author-

ity last night disclosed that its

stake in HSBC Holdings is 8.9

per cent, double the stake of

Prudential Corp which was

previously the largest holder of

Meanwhile in Hong Kong. it

option of taking their currencies that the government had re-

out of the international market- entered the stock market yes-

strength in consumer credit and mortgage lending. monetary policy committee has its September meeting next week, but few analysts expect it to cut interest rates then,

Malaysians watch a telecast by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad who imposed money control China Press

Malaysia brings in money control

Stephen Hannah, chief econ-

Hong Kong."

There was some suspicion

terday, limiting the fall in share

However most traders believe

that the big buyers were the

institutions covering short

intervention contributed to a

downgrade of Hong Kong's cur-

rency and loan ratings by Stan-

dard and Poor on Monday

night. Paul Coughlin, S&P's

managing director for public

finance in Hong Kong, said

that the government activity

confirmed "that life is riskier in

Hopes fail for lower UK rates

The government's heavy

positions taken last week.

omist of IBJ said: "I don't see a cut as conceivable in the near term. "The principal issue is the tary growth and continued

The Bank of England's

although there is a growing feeling that rates will start to fall by the end of the year.

underlying state of the labour

market and continuing growth in services. The manufacturing recession has been with us for some time and there's nothing new there. "Clearly the Bank is not

going to increase rates again but a reduction does not seem to me to be at all likely." Richard Jeffrey, of Charter-

house Tilney said he expected the MPC to discuss the possibility of cutting rates next week, "but I would be surprised if manufacturing bearing the

argued the case very forcefully". Last week the CBI called for an urgent cut in interest rates

after reporting a collapse in out-The turmoil on stock markets in recent days has also increased speculation that the Federal Reserve and other central banks might try to restore stability by cutting rates. Most analysts, however, think the

6000 - before the Fed steps in. Meanwhile the latest evidence on the state of the UK economy continues to point to a two-speed performance, with

Dow Jones index would have to

drop much further - to perhaps

more than one or two members brunt of the downturn. The monthly purchasing managers index, published by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, showed a further put and orders in its latest survey. contraction of manufacturing output - the fifth consecutive monthly fall

> Yesterday's money supply figures showed slightly faster than expected growth. M0 - the narrow measure of money supply - grew by 0.6 per cent in August, taking the annual rate up from 5.8 per cent to 6.2 per

Another sign of robust consumer demand was a £1.1bn pound rise in consumer credit - and a sharp rise in mortgage

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

THE UK stockmarket posted a sharp loss as uncertainty over Russia and global recession fears still weighed on sentiment yesterday. The FTSE-100 closed 80.3 points lower at 5169.1 after losses of up to 173.7 points. Dealers said a rebound in Wall Street after Monday's slump and selective bargain-hunting by UK investors, helped to pare some losses later. Second-liners were hit worst: the FSTE-250 ended at a year low of 4627.3 after shedding 158.9 points, and small caps closed at an all-time 2047.4 low on a 78.7 point loss.

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NEW YORK

THE Dow Jones Industrial Index staged a recovery yesterday after Monday's 500-point collapse as bargain-hunters moved in. However, the market was very nervous at first. It rose, then fell, and rose by lunchtime. Computer stocks showed the

best gains, with telecom and financial shares faring worst. Travelers shares were down on the news of \$150m losses at its

Salomon Smith Barney broking

warning of third quarter losses

because of problems in Russia.

business. Bankers Trust fell after

TOKYO THE KEY Nikkei average bounced

back to close 1.86 per cent higher after losing over 3 per cent at one point in the morning. Initially the market had been battered by Russia's instability but recovered on active buying-back. The Nikkei 225 closed with gains of 261.74 points or 1.86 per cent at 14,369.63. That was off the morning low of 13,664.74, down more than 3 per cent from Monday's close. Dealers said the final rebound was technical. A strategist at Commerz Securities (Japan), Hitoshi Ichio, said: "The Nikkei's rebound has been

feeble since it slipped below 14,300."

HONG KONG

HONG KONG stocks dropped to a sharply lower close yesterday after a choppy session that saw prices tumble after Wall Street's overnight fall, but also move briefly into positive territory on short covering. The Hang Seng lost 212.57

points, or 2.92 per cent, to end at 7.062.47 after bouncing between 5,982.43 and 7,306.40. Turnover shrank to HK\$6.2bn against Mouday's level of HK\$6.57bn. leading brokers to doubt that the government was supporting the market by buying shares.

FRANKFURT

SHARES closed marginally higher in late trading in Frankfurt, with the Xetra DAX closing up 44.62 points, nearly 1 per cent, at 4.855.90

The Frankfurt market followed the roller-coaster ride of the rest of Europe, but ended higher on the belief that US stocks had been oversold on Monday. The Xetra DAX traded in a range of 4,647.88 to its closing level. "The market has been extremely volatile today and there has been a lot of uncertainty, with nobody really knowing what to do," said a trader.

Wednesday 2 September 1998

Credit controls foxed by a gecko

LIKE A RECEDING tide, economic crisis invariably exposes some masty surprises, some unexpectedly large wrecks lying just beneath the surface. Nobody would suggest Barclays falls into this category, but its provisions for Russia and the revelation of trading losses at Barclays Capital certainly come as a bit of a shock to an investment community which had been under the impression that direct British exposure to Russia was too small to be concerned about

To those who follow the constant toing and froing of fashion in the banking sector, it marks another black mark for Martin Taylor, who seems to have had more than his fair share of them over the last six Taylor is today, in terms of how he months. First there was the disengagement from BZW, which he was accused of mishandling. Then came a series of slights from those he approached with proposals for consolidation. His last set of results were poorly received, and there have been persistent rumours that he's bored after five years in the hotseat, and is looking for an exit. Now

If there's a lesson from Derek Wanless and NatWest about what to

OUTLOOK

boy, it is just sit tight and wait for the City's ire to move onto someone else. Mr Wanless was in a much worse position a year ago than Mr was regarded in the City, but he's been telling a good story of late and he's everybody's favourite again

In making these provisions, Mr Taylor is in any case recognising a reality which many of his competitors are still refusing to come to terms with. Barclays is writing off 90 per cent of all outstanding exposure to Russia; others have yet to grasp this nettle and publicly admit there is little if any possibility of getdo when you're everyone's whipping ting their money back. Mr Taylor

has now cleared out the stables, others have yet to do so.

Quite what Barclays was doing sticking its money into Russian Geckos and other questionable high yield debt instruments is another issue. It all goes to show that in banking you can refine your credit and risk control systems until you are blue in the face - as Mr Taylor claims to have done - but there's always some blighter who keeps working against you unnoticed. So much for arguments that in dismantling BZW, Barciays offloaded the financially dangerous bits.

Markets: sell into the rallies

RECESSION, DEFLATION, even depression and slump – these are the words on everyone's lips. This is understandable enough. When stock markets are plunging, it's all too easy to get caught up in the rhetoric

of meltdown, panic and crash. The truth of the matter is, however, that we are not yet in a recession, nor, on the balance of probability, does it appear likely there is going to be one, either in

fined as two successive quarters of negative growth, and hardly anyone is predicting that for Europe and the US, even after the traumas of the last month.

That doesn't mean it won't happen, or that things aren't going to be anything but extremely tough over the next few years. Right now events are alarming enough to suggest a number of very ugly outcomes, each of them capable of tipping the world into outright

The most compelling of these is we are now witnessing on Wall Street will turn into something similar to the Tokyo rout of the early a big asset price bubble bursts. Don't try and call the bottom, just sell into the rallies and stick your money into bonds, is the doomsday lesson of the

Tokyo collapse. The parallels with Wall Street are uncanny. Like Japan, valuations were driven sky high by the belief that the US had discovered economic nirvana, that strong, low inflation growth could go on for ever Like Japan, the bull market in

Europe or the US. Recession is deequities has itself helped sustain US economic growth, by making Americans feel richer and thereby encouraging them to spend more. In Japan in the late 1980s companies thought themselves so overweight in capital that they bought stakes in one another. In the US in the late 1990s, companies buy shares in themselves.

Despite these alarming similarities, there are also some key differences. The most important of these is that as far as we know, Western banks are not up to their necks in dodgy and unsuspected properthe possibility that the bear market ty loans of the type that sunk the Japanese banking system. Russian, and other had debt problems are mounting, but on the whole, West-1990s. Japan is the nightmare ern banks appear well capitalised precedent for what happens when enough to withstand a very considerable shock without going under.

We know this, because unlike their Japanese counterparts in the late 1980s, Western banks have reasonably transparent accounts. Furthermore, the US and European economies are much more flexible than that of Japan and are therefore capable of adapting quite quickly to

None of this means we should all breath a sigh of relief and plunge back into equities. As Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, argues, we may, after the latest traumatic events in Russia, be looking at a considerable, worldwide credit crunch. If nobody will lend, then economic activity dries up.

So although we may not be heading for outright recession, we've probably got two or three very rocky years ahead of us. As a consequence, the fall on Wall Street could have a good deal further to go, notwithstanding its numerous attempts at a rally yesterday. The downswing may not be as deep or prolonged as Tokyo, and its consequences are unlikely to be as cataclysmic, but when a liquidity bubble deflates, the effects are always bad. It's just a question of degree.

Southern goes north of border

NO PREMIUM mergers are rarely quite what they claim. There was little doubt who the City thought had got the better half of the latest example of the genre - yesterday's tie up between Scottish Hydro-Electric and Southern Electric. Since the

22 per cent hike in the Scottish Hydro dividend, it's surely the Scots, isn't it? They get the head office too. which is to be located in Perth.

On the other hand, the two top management jobs are going to the Southern lot. This might seem a reasonable division of spoils to Jim Forbes, the quick-witted Glaswegian who becomes chief executive of the combined group, but his own shareholders might beg to quibble. For Mr Forbes, it's also a bit of a home coming, albeit to the wrong side of Scotland. He gets to take his finance director, too.

None of this will break the deal. Mr Furbes has failed to consummate two mergers so far - with National Power and Southern Water - but the City still loves him for his no-nonsense style and his ability to squeeze costs. More difficult to call is what regulators make of it, Scottish Power management to get away with acquiring ManWeb but that was under the last Government. Peter Mandelson has yet to decide on PowerGen's bid for East Midlands Electricity But then again, the Scottish card is a powerful one with New Labour, and Mr Forbes

IN BRIEF

Charterhouse leads Class 98

THE investment banking group Charterhouse is leading the Class 98 consortium. which has signed a £340m project to build five new schools and provide non-educational services, including maintenance and cleaning in e Falkirk area. The project is the first in the UK to group a number of schools together in a single scheme.

IT pay boom

MORE THAN 65,000 information technology jobs were on offer during April, an increase of 42 per cent on the same period last year, according to the SSP/Computer Weekly quarterly survey of appointments data and trends. The booming demand for IT staff has led to a sharp increase in salaries, with the average salary for IT managers reaching £50,000 a year and the average salary for kanagement consultants rising to £73,000 a year.

Gas find in Egypt BRITISH Gas International, a subsidiary of BG and its partner Edison International, has found more gas in Egypt after successfully testing an appraisal well in the West Delta Deep Marine concession. BG said that the well is capable of producing more than 30m standard cubic feet of gas a day and follows the successful testing of two ex-

Persimmon rises SHARES of the housebuilding group Persimmon bucked the market trend yesterday rising 6.5p to 146p after reporting a 20 per cent rise in e-tax profits to £28.1 million in the half year to 30 June. Duncan Davidson, the chairman, said that Persimmon had increased its average profit per unit sold by 23 per cent to £9,009 in the first half

ploration wells in June.

Ofwat changes

IAN BYATT, Director General of Water Services, yesterday announced changes to water company licences, imposing a new regime whereby price reviews will take place automatically every five years, against the current reviews every 10 years. Ofwat has also deregulated the tariffs for large business customers using more than 250m litres water a year so that water Empanies will no longer be able to recoup automatically from other customers any revenue they lose from reducing tariffs to these larger

Boeing response BOEING, the US aerospace giant which recently lost a major aircraft order from British Airways, has replaced ils commercial aircraft chief, Ron Woodward. The move comes after a year of poor profits and production delays

(£1,9bn). The new commercial Chicraft chief is Alan Mulally, who led the launch of Boeing's 777 model range.

which cost the company \$3bn

News Analysis: Southern and Scottish link may herald second merger wave

Pairing up for greater power unit trus

By Terry macalister

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC yesterday became the last of the 12 UK regional electricity companies (RECs) to lose its independence, as plans for a near-£5bn merger with Scottish Hydro-Electric were announced.

The deal could herald a second wave of industry retrenchment following the first when predominantly US groups bought in to the British energy supply sector. The latest no-premium

transaction would see Southern shareholders owning 55 per cent, with Scottish taking 45 per cent of a group called Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE). The all-share deal has yet to

be approved by shareholders from both companies and industry regulators. Analysts say the merger should be approved by the authorities but said this could not be guaranteed. Southern has failed to con-

summate previous proposed agreements with National Power and Southern Water after the government stepped in. But the latest deal was welcomed by the City, with Scottish shares rising 11.5p to 564p and Southern rising 4.5p to 565p.

Under the terms of the deal, Scottish shareholders will retain their shares and Southern shareholders will receive one new Scottish and Southern Energy share for every Southern Electric share. The new group will join the FTSE 100 index of Lord Wilson of Scottish. Britain's leading firms with a

Scottish shareholders stand to gain most initially because the new group will adopt Southern's dividend payments. This means a 22 per cent dividend in-crease for Scottish shareholders. But Southern has the top management positions, with its chief executive, Jim Forbes, taking the same title in SSE. His colleague, Ian Marchant, becomes finance director.

Boardroom squabbling for the top post was avoided because the Scottish chief executive, Roger Young, had already told colleagues he wanted to stand down next year. Mr Young, who like Mr Forbes is highly regarded by the City, will become joint deputy chairman



Jim Forbes of Southern (left) will head the merged group: Scottish, now led by Roger Young, will suffer fewer job losses

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of SSE. The chairman will be Southern is also likely to

market capitalisation of £4.87bm. bare the brunt of job cuts because SSE will be based in Perth at Scottish's headquarters rather than Southern's Maidenhead offices.

Mr Forbes says the new company will create more jobs in the long term as it has expansion plans, but analysts predict up to 800 jobs could go, mainly from Southern's 6,000 staff. Scottish employs half this number.

Cost savings will not just come from job losses: big benefits are expected from eliminating duplicated information technology and customer service costs. Management on both sides say they have also found that huge savings would be available from joint purchasing on capital expenditure.

HOW THE FINANCES STACK UP Pro forma financial information, year to 31 March 1998 Ŧ:) SOUTHERN £ Million 1,034.7 EBITDA 312.9 Operating Profi 290.1 536.8 246.7 213.1 248.7 461.8 Pretax Profit

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Mr Young said the deal would give Scottish the critical mass it did not have on its own with a combined customer base of 3.3 million and extra firepower for new acquisitions.

Mr Forbes made it clear

that SSE can be expected to bid

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being sold off by PowerGen and National Power. But a bid for London Electricity, long expected from both Southern and Scottish independently, looks less likely now. London's owner, Entergy, is known to be looking for a full

1,639.3

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from companies such as British Energy and Thames Water.

Senior management at SSE has told the Office of Fair Trading about its deal but said it was confident it would not be referred to the Mergers and Mo-

nopolies Commission Mr Forbes pointed out that Scottish has only 5 per cent of the generating market in England and Wales. He expects to hear by October whether the

OFT plans a full examination. But with PowerGen's anned takeover of East Midlands Electricity still awaiting government approval, analysts say that the Trade and Industry Secretary, Peter Mandelson, might call for a review of the sector. The Government has a small stake in Scottish so Mr Mandelson could intervene if he for coal-fired power stations price and should attract bids chose to do so.

In what could reinforce the new wave of consolidation, National Power is also expected to make a bid for either Yorkshire Electricity or Seeboard. The US companies which prompted the first wave of UK energy consolidation have

begun to retreat. Of the other 11 regional electricity companies set up at privatisation in 1990, seven are now in US hands and four have been taken into multi-utilities. At the same time British

companies such as PowerGen and the National Grid are openly chasing assets on the other side of the Atlantic as a first step towards globalisation. Mr Forbes and Mr Young

stressed that SSE's main focus at present is the UK market, but they held the door open for overseas ventures later on.

blunders

BY ANDREW VERITY

ABBEY UNIT Trust Managers has been fined £150,000 and forced to pay out £440,500 after watchdogs discovered a series of blunders which caused it to create the wrong number of units in its unit trusts.

Imro, the investment managers' watchdog, slapped the fine on AUTM for breaking six rules protecting customers from sloppy administration. More than 7,000 people were affected, 10 per cent of customers.

The watchdog found AUTM as late in getting checu banked on time. It failed to carry out proper checks on a bank account meant for distributing money to holders of personal equity plans (PEPs). At one stage it let the account go £70,000 overdrawn.

AUTM created the wrong number of units in some of its unit trusts because it calculated the number of units bought on the wrong day, opening itself up to errors due to changes in share price. It also failed to execute customers' orders on time and lacked a proper mechanism for dealing with customer complaints. AUTM was also late in sending customers their money when they sold units.

The blunders took place in the back office of AUTM, which is owned by Lloyds TSB, in the 18 months between December 1995 and July 1997.

After offering a string of discounts on its unit trusts and PEPs, the company saw business mushroom, In early 1996. it grew to four times its normal level. But managers failed to identify basic failings in administration until late in the day.

A spokeswoman for AUTM said: "The situation was that whilst the management team were experienced they didn't have sufficient specialist PEP knowledge. Senior management were asking questions and the answer came back that they were coping.'

The fine points to a worrying looseness of internal controls in administration of investment managers which can cost sub-

Willis rises on

British insurance rival, Willis Corroon, disrupting an agreed bid by KKR, the Wall Street acquisition specialist, writes

Andrew Verity. Shares in Willis Corroon rose 1p to 200.5p on a falling market, closing just above an offer of 200p made by KKR and a consortium of five insurance companies at end-July. in a move widely interpreted as an attempt to fend off a

AON, THE US broking giant, would drop the number of was yesterday the subject of acceptances required from 90 strong speculation it would per cent to 50 per cent. The make a bid for its smaller notice period required is four working days, effectively giving Aon until the end of today to put in a counter-bid. KKR has so far received 64 per cent acceptances.

Rumours of a counter-bid have been fuelled by the acquisition of Sedgwick, Willis Corroon's rival, by Marsh McLennan its arch-competitor in the US, for £1.25bn.

At 200p, KKR is offering a premium of just 12 per cent to counter-hid, Trinity Holdings, Willis Corroon's shareholders, the acquisition vehicle for the while Marsh Mac's premium for KKR. gave notice last week it Sedgwick is 25 per cent.

Wallis is named chairman counter-bid talk of Therapeutic Antibodies

STUART WALLIS, the former By NIGEL COPE Fisons chairman who has notched up four fortunes in three years, added a touch of snakebite to his career yesterday when he was named chair-

man of Therapeutic Antibodies. The Anglo-American biotechnology company is best known for its anti-venom serum for snakebites, particularly those from rattlesnakes and the North American viper.

The appointment of Mr Wallis as non-executive chairman coincides with a boardroom clearout which sees the departure of seven directors, inchiding some of the founders. The company, based in Ten-

Associate City Editor

nessee but listed in the UK, has also announced plans to move its domicile to London ahead of a planned fund-raising exercise.

"The likely place to raise money is in London and UK institutions like to see British companies run by a Brit," Mr Wallis said. He added: "I really enjoyed

my time at Fisons and I had been thinking I would like to get involved in the pharmaceutical sector again." He said Therapeutic Antibodies had become aware that its board was too The seven directors to go inchide Professor John Landon.

one of the company's founders. Mr Wallis has enjoyed a terrific run of good fortune. He netted around £1m from his stake in Scholl, the footcare compang when it was sold to Seton Healthier in May. His stake in LLP, the Lloyd's List publisher, was worth around £2m when the group floated this year. He has also made substantial sums from the sale of Sheffield Forgemasters, the engineering group, and from the

takeover of Fisons in 1995. Shares in Therapeutic Antibodies closed 2.5p up at 77.5p. large, unwieldy and expensive. They were 263.5p last autumn.

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Footsie has another turbulent session

POOTSIE SUFFERED another sharp slide yesterday, although the sea of red which threatened to drown the leading index after Monday's slump in the Dow turned out to be no more than a large pond.

After a morning of heavy losses driven by Wall Street's overnight fall and continued uncertainty on Russia's fate, Footsie regained some of its composure in the afternoon helped by a rebound in New York and a flight to quality by domestic institutions. At the end of a volatile session the blue-chip index looked down but not out, closing 80.3 points off at 5,169.1, after having been as much as 173.1 points lower.

Market watchers were relieved that the index had defied the the biggest tumble in the Footsie, gloomy predictions of the morning, but pointed out that the recent rout has put Footsie within a whisker of losing all the gains made in the year. The second-liners fared even worse, with the FTSE-250 closing at a year low of 4,627.3 after shedding 158.9 points, and the small cap hitting its all-time bottom at 2,047.4 a loss of 78.7 points.

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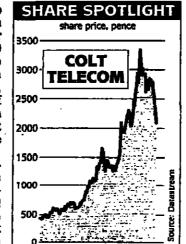
coms stocks, the bright stars of the recent bull market, took a pasting as traders took a dim view of their soaraway ratings. Orange took shedding 13.7 per cent to 612.5p. Fellow mobile phone operator Vodafone was not far behind, plunging 11 per cent to 741p, while Colt Telecommunications suffered a setback in its bid to enter the blue-chip index, with the shares losing 460p to close at 2,110p.

Among IT stalwarts, Misys added another chapter to its topsy-turvey trading history in the Foot-

sie by losing 346p to 2,304p. Mid-cap IT stocks were also savaged, with ARM Holdings shedding 15.5 per cent to 177.5p, FI Group down 12.9 per cent to 1,462p and Sage 157.5p lower at 1,137p. Admirai, down 120p at 960p and Micro Focus. down 40p at 325p, also fell out of favour while London Bridge, down 25 per cent to 900p showed that not even smaller stocks were immune from the IT bloodbath.

Banks were also on the receiving end of some selling. Barclays lost 78p after it surprised the market with a higher-than-expected Russian provision, while Alliance & Leicester shed 84p as the Stock exchange moved to rectify a rogue trade on Friday which had marked the stocks down.

The list of blue-chip risers read like a handbook of defensive stocks. Marks & Spencer, a traditional haven in times of crisis, was in demand, rising 26p to 541p, as Panmure Gordon went positive on general stores. The recommendation also helped Kingfisher and Boots. The owner of the do-it-yourself chain B&Q rose 28.25p to 518.25p, while the chemists business



posted a healthy 38p rise to 1031. Food retailers were in evidence as investors scrambled for safe havens. Asda topped the FTSE risers, putting on 7.44 per cent to 180.5p as HSBC advised clients to go overweight in food. Sainsbury was also in demand rising 17.5p to 532.5, and Tesco followed suit with

a 5p rise to 173p. GEC benefited from a lower

per cent to 416p. Shell was one of the few blue-chips to rise on the back of old-fashioned takeover speculation rather than dealers' desire to shelter their books from a stock market collapse: the oil giant put on 3.4 per cent as the rumours of a tie-up with rival Texaco grew louder and louder.

Persimmon, the housebuilder, was also blissfully ignorant of global events, rising 4.6 per cent to 146p after a good set of results and an upbeat trading outlook. Scottish Hydro-Electric came up with an electrifying performance, putting on 12p to 564.5p, after announcing an all-share merger with rival utility Southern Electric. Shares in Southern lost 2p, ending at 558.5p. Other utilities put on good showing, with PowerGen rising 17.5p to 756.5p as traders warmed to its defensive qualities, and Scottish Power up 20.5p to 598p amid continuing speculation that it might bid

for parts of Racal. Among the small-caps risers, Rubicon Group, the electrical engineering company, leaped 41 per

pound and a "long-term buy" ad- cent to 225p after agreeing to a vice from Merrill Lynch to soar 6 £207m bid from the US group Applied Power.

Calderburn, a maker of office furniture and dealing rooms' desk rose 8.7 per cent to 44p as betterthan-expected interim results prompted brokers to upgrade their forecasts.

Crestacare, the nursing homes operator, soared 5p after revealing that talks with a mystery bidder could lead to a 40p-a-share offer for the company

Shield Diagnostics revelled in a 7.9 per cent rise to 512.5p after the US authorities approved its heartattack test.

The battle for Dennis, the bus builder, took another twist as Mayflower, which is fighting Henlys for control, revealed it held 4.9 per cent of Dennis. Mayflower's shares fell 6.5p to 159.5p after the company announced it had bought a German car parts maker for £10.4m. Dennis shares lost 9p to 4560, while Henlys slid 80 to 2290.

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PARALLEL PICTURES, an independent film maker based in the legendary Ealing Studios, debuts today on the junior Alternative Investment Market. Shares will be introduced to the screens at 32p, giving the company a market value of around £4.5m.

The title of Parallel's first major movie is unlikely to endear it to fund managers: the £6m tale of Victorian love featuring Full Monty star Robert Carlyle is Poor Things.

MMS PETROLEUM, the Dublinbased oil exploration company, rose 1p to 23.5p amid rumours that a predator is circling the AIM-listed outfit. The stock has been trading

below net asset value for some time and speculation is growing that a medium-sized oil company is keen to get its hands on MMS's contracts in **Bulgaria and Romania. Hopes** of a deal were boosted by the news that the specialist oil investor, Paul Curtis, raised his stake to 7.2 per cent.

Don't sell in haste go looking for quality

er the market storm? Given some of the dire predictions of global recession and monstrous bear markets doing the rounds, worried investors may be contemplating getting out of equities altogether. For private shareholders, a high-interest savings account offering 7 per cent or more looks really attractive compared to plunging

share prices. But they should think twice. Shares have probably already suffered the worst of their falls. Those who decide to sell blindly now risk locking in their losses at the worst point.

This does not mean investors should be "buying the dips" as US investors have done so blithely. However, they can opt for quality - solid. ungeared companies relatively or the threat of higher interest rates. Here are five to watch.

First is British Telecom (796p). Highly-rated telecoms stocks have come crashing down, but BT is built on solid foundations. Its alliance with AT&T will allow it to capitalise on growing demand for telecoms services, while its balance sheet, awaiting a \$7bn (£4.2bn) cash injection, is robust.

The same goes for Glaxo Wellcome (1753p). Demand for the drugs giant's products depends on its pipeline rather than economic spending. And there is always the prospect of a cost-saving mega-merger.

Food retailers are the other defensive stocks, as consumers are more likely to spend less in the pub or boutique before cutting back on supermarket shopping. The two groups with the best records in the past decade Tesco (173p) and Marks & Spencer (541p) - look worthy of

any investor's money. Finally, for a stock as close a proxy to cash as you will find in the UK, look at Associated British Foods (507p). Sir Garry Weston's group pays healthy dividends and is sitting on a huge cash pile. With values falling all around him, Sir Garry might also be able to snap up a few bargains.

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CRH: AT A GLANCE										
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CRH builds on robust results

CRH, the Irish building materials group, has seen its stock fall sharply this year from a high of just over Ir£11 to Ir£7.60 down another Ir5p - yesterday on market woes. This seems harsh on a company that has proved a consistently solid performer with a share price which rose almost four-fold between 1993 and the start of the year.

Yesterday saw CRH deliver another robust set of results with half-year profits up 31 per cent to Ir£85m and a cautiously optimistic statement on the

CRH has proved adept at pulling off a string of "in-filling" deals and it feels the sharp fall in asset values as a result of stock market declines could help it find more suitable targets. Though it will concentrate in its core markets of Europe and North America, it is also

starting to consider South America and Asia as opportunities present themselves.

CRH spent Ir£144m on acquisitions in the first half, including Ir£80m on a collection of businesses in Britain, France, Belgium and the US. It now has an even spread of aggregates, bricks and distribution businesses across Ireland, North America and Europe.

In the US, market conditions are underpinned by the country's \$217bn (£130bn) sixyear highways spending bill. This, together with acquisitions, helped profits double to Ir£29m. There must be concern about the cycle turning, although CRH seems confident that any downturn will be rel-

In Ireland demand is strong, although more competition could be coming as rivals seek planning permission for more aggregate quarries and Euron subsidies are likely to pean subsidies are likely to fall. Perhaps the biggest conpany admits that higher interest rates are starting to damp down demand.

On full year forecast of Ir£339m the shares trade on a forward multiple of 13 - a decent hold in troubled times.

Bunzl racks up paper profits

THE PAPER and packaging sector has not been the investors' favourite in the past year - and with good reason. The Asian crisis has hit demand and prices, while UK companies have struggled with the added disadvantage of the strong pound.

Bunzl has not been immune to these factors. Although the group does not make pulp or basic plastics, they are used falling input prices have forced Bunzl to cut its own prices. In the first half of the year, the group recknns that the combined effects of the strong pound and price deflation wiped more than 6 per cent off

As a result, Bunzl did well to keep underlying revenues and profits more or less flat. Meanwhile, the benefits of recent acquisitions - Bunzl has spent £165m in the past 12 months helped boost operating profits by 16 per cent to £66.7m.

In this climate the chairman, Anthony Habgood, is reluctant to make predictions. But pulp and plastic prices should stabilise, so Bunzl will no longer have to run to stand still. Meanwhile, with one acquisition still to be fully integrated and plenty of scope for bolt-on deals – profits covered its interest bill 15 times in the first half - Bunzl should keep profits rising.

The shares - which shed 8p to 228.5p yesterday amid the general market shakeout - now stand on a multiple of just 12 times expected full-year earn-

Bunzl will never be a go-go stock, but in an uncertain market investors will appreciate its solid fundamentals.

IN BRIEF

Positive outlook for Marshalls

MARSHALLS, the specialist concrete, stone and clay products group, reported a 66 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £19m in its first half to 30 June.

Christopher Burnett, the company chairman, said growing interest in gardens and the urban environment, and rising investment in schools and hospitals, led him to be positive about the outlook for Marshalls for the rest of this year. The shares closed down 4.5p at 105p.

Calderburn profit

PRE-TAX profits at Calderburn, which supplies dealing desks and fitted offices to the home and commercial markets, nearly doubled to £1.67m in the half year to 30

The chairman, Christopher Moore, said that aithough the trading environment in the UK was becoming more difficult, the prospects for the year. The shares were up 3.5p at 44p.

BCH first half

BCH GROUP, the vehicle management group, reported a 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.93m in the half to 30 June. The chairman, Tony Mitchard, said the group's vehicle ffeet increased from 14.422 vehicles to 15.234.

The expanded retail site in Bristol, which opened on 2 March, achieved operating profits of £225,000, said Mr Mitchard. The shares closed down 5p at 185.5p.

Eclipse shines

FIRST HALF pre-tax profits rose 10 per cent to £3.44m at Eclinse Blinds in the period to 30 June. Ted Black, who succeeded Hamish Grossart as chairman, said the group expects further progress in the second half. The shares closed unchanged at 96.5p.

Software slump SHARES IN the software

provider London Bridge Software fell 312.5p to 900p yesterday despite increased pre-tax profits of £3.1m in the half year to 30 June, up from £1.4m in the period last year.

Thames Water is '3rd hole' for C&G retiree

ANDREW LONGHURST, the urbane former head of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, who guided C&G into the arms of Lloyds TSB, has just collected his third non-execu-

the bank this spring.
Mr Longhurst has joined Thames Water, the company which is currently trying to decide whether it wants to become a broad-based utility by bidding for London Electricity. Plenty for Mr Longhurst to get his teeth into there.

tive directorship since leaving

In fact even his beloved golf has had to take a back seat following his so-called "retirement", so I'm told. His main non-exec role is at United Assurance, where he is due to become chairman on 1 October.

United Assurance has had a bumpy ride since it was formed by merging United Friendly ed George Mack, is Alan Frost,

once of Lloyds Abbey Life. United, with assets of about 22bn. has been reducing its sales force, and Mr Longhurst will have his work cut out helping

to improve morale at the group. Mr Longhurst's third non-executive directorship is at Hermes Lens Asset Management (HLAM), a joint venture between the British Telecom pension fund and an American

company, Lens. HLAM officially launches on 1 October. Peter Butler, HLAM's chief executive, tells me that the fund aims to attract around £1,00m in institutional funds by the time of the launch. HLAM is "a shareholder activism fund

which will invest in under-val-

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ued companies, and work with their managements to improve value", says Mr Butler.

Hermes old boy and shareholders' champion Alastair Ross Goobey will be joint deputy chairman. Mr Butler is reland Refuge Assurance last atively new to the fund year. Coincidentally United's management world, having shooting finance director. In his time he has been found at Hi Tech Sports, British Sugar and Berisford, the latter during its workout phase.

Mr Butler says: "We're delighted that Andrew (Longhurst) has joined us in this exciting project".

STYLO, the family-owned shoe retailer based in Bradford, said yesterday that Alwyn Ziff has retired as an executive director.

That still leaves Arnold Ziff as chairman, Michael Ziff as chief executive, and Alan Ziff, as executive director.

Style has an old-fashioned two-tier share structure, despite being shaken up recent-

COMPANY RESULTS

Guinness Peat Group. Perhaps HLAM should take a look.

ARSENAL HAVE always attracted more corporate supporters than most, and Hambros has always had rather a posh box at Highbury, with an elegantly painted sign on the door, saying Hambros".

Since the merchant bank's dismemberment and takeover by Société Generale, however, I am distressed to report that the same corporate hospitality box now sports a tatty piece of paper on the door saying "Société Generale".

Still, I suppose we should be pleased the French are keeping up the tradition. Perhaps this Gallic enthusiasm reflects the very French contribution to Arsenal's recent success-from the manager Arsene Wenger to World Cup heroes Patrick Viera and Emmanuel Petit.

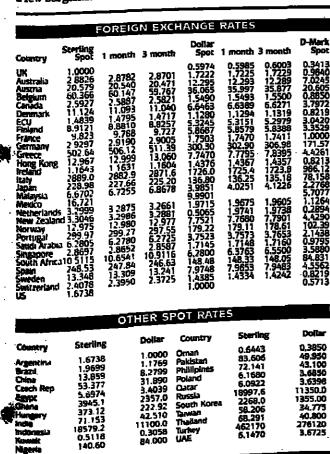
But come on Soc Gen - get

ANDREW BILES is joining Gerber Foods as chief executive, succeeding Zvi Cohen as head of the UK's leading maker of juice and juice drinks. In fact Mr Cohen's quarter of

a century in the trade has won him the accolade of "Mr Juicy". Retiring after his 60th birthday, Mr Cohen has built Gerber into a group that now produces brands ranging from Um Bongo to Ocean Spray. Gerber is a subsidiary of Hanover Ac-

Mr Biles, 46, was previously chief operating officer of Dole Europe and based in Paris. Dole is one of the world's largest fresh fruit 'n' veg comly by some share buying from panies, with sales of \$4bn.

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Ashes tour: Hick left out despite century at The Oval as off-spinner Such wins a surprise recall to England colours

Crawley creeps into final berth

BY DEREK PRINGLE Cricket Correspondent

THE FALL-OUT of the Oval Test as claimed its first prominent victim, though given time there may be others. So far the sniggers emanating from the Lucky Country, following England's 10 wicket defeat by Sri Lanka, have yet to reach these shores. When they do they will not be shared by Graeme Hick, who must now find an alternative to spending a hot winter Down

Just five days after scoring his sixth Test century, Hick, tradamus-like proportions to widely tipped to secure a place on the forthcoming Ashes tour of Australia, has been left out of a 17-man squad. Instead, in have swayed it for Crawley, a a party that contained few surprises, other than the selection of the 34-year-old Essex offspinner Peter Such, the berth falls to John Crawley, England's other centurion in the defeat by Sri Lanka.

Included in England's oneday squad for the Wills Trophy in Bangladesh, Hick will none the less be a disappointed man. Not many people have been dropped immediately after scoring a Test century - Geoff Boycott is one that springs to mind - and Hick's misfortune was to have Crawley, given an unexpected chance following Nasser Hussain's injury, score one as well. "The choice be- 83 tour Then three off-spinners, tween Crawley and Hick was Geoff Miller, Eddie Hemmings

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difficult decisions I've had to make as a selector," said David Graveney, who broke the news to Hick yesterday morning. "But doors open in strange ways and, in the end, together with the captain and the other selectors, we went with the player we thought would be more effective in Australia."

It is a curious reason and considering three of Australia's best bowlers, Shane Warne, Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie, are currently all coming back from injury, it would take a soothsayer of Nospredict just exactly who England will be up against.

However, what is thought to man unlikely to start the Test series, is his ability to play spin, wrist or otherwise. No such dilemma will exist for Australia's batsmen, though, and England's slow bowling department, filled by Such and Robert Croft, is solely of the offspinning variety. Unless pitches dictate otherwise, England's use of spin is likely to be a defensive one, though the rough created by Alan Mullally's follow through, from left-arm over, may allow them to attack later in the game.

Going to Australia top heavy with off-spin has been tried before, most notably on the 1982without doubt, one of the most and Vic Marks; were taken,

ENGLAND'S ASHES SQUAD

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ASHES TOUR ITINERARY OCTOBER: 28: England team arrives in Perth. 24-28: Practice/acclimatisation, 29: vACS Chairman's XI (Lisc Hill). 31-3 Nov: v Western Australia (Perth). vACS Chairman's XI (Lisc Hill). 31-3 Nov: v Western Australia (Perth). NOVEMBER: 7-10: v South Australia (Adelaide). 13-16: v Queensland (Cairns), 28-24; Prst Test (Brisbane). 28-2 Dect Second Test (Perth). . #34 (F24 (ustraume), A24 Adda Adda A24 (F2104). 2MBER: 5-8; w Victorio (Melbourne), 11-15: Third Test (Adelaide), 17: v Prime ther's XI (Conberra), 19-22: v Australia XI (Hobart), 26-30: Fourth Test (Melbourne), JANUARY 1989: 2-6: Fifth Test (Sydney). 7: England party departs for UK (minus players selected for one-day competition).

hind. A brilliant bowler, the decision to exclude Edmonds from that tour was not made on purely cricketing grounds. Asked yesterday if Tufnell had been similarly treated, Gravency denied the claim. "We decided to pick, in our opinion, the two best slow bowlers, in the country," he said. Such, for whom the 1998 domestic season for Essex is proving something of a nadir - he has 31 first-class wickets as compared to hauls of 56, 82 and 77 in his three previous years - last played for England in July 1994, 48 Test

matches ago. Long regarded as the best of his type in the country - a fact Graveney conceded when he said that if conditions were favourable he tended to bowl sides out - Such lost favour under Raymond Illingworth, who felt he was not mentally tough enough for Test cricket. If Illy's suspicions are right, and Australia will either confirm or disprove them, they are not shared by the current selectors.

As expected, England are taking a second wicketkeeper as well as a young fast bowler, Alex Tudor. But if Warren Hegg will keep wicket in most of the warm-up games – Stewart will not keep except in the Tests -Tudor is along primarily to look, listen and learn.

Following the confusion last winter over who picks the side, the team will be selected by a three-man panel - the captain. the coach, David Lloyd, and the tour manager, Graham Gooch. The move should avoid situations such as the one in Jamaica when Crawley - against the wishes of the selectors, who were elsewhere – plaved in front of Mark Ramprakash.

the Carlton and United series that follows the Tests will be named following the conclusion of the one-day tournament in Bangladesh and the World Super Max Eights in Perth, where England are being led by Surrey's Adam Hollioake and Gloucestershire's Mark Alleyne respectively. Alleyne's squad includes Yorkshire's Gavin Hamilton, whose eligibility to represent Scotland in next year's World

Cup will now be annulled. Michael Vaughan, an England Under-19 captain, will skipper the A side whose tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa leaves in January. Fourteen of the 15 A squad players have come through the Under-19 side, the odd one out being Jason Lewry, who came to

The most pleasing aspect is the amount of quality pace bowlers. With Angus Fraser the wrong side of 32, much will be expected from the likes of Melvyn Betts, Darren Thomas, Steve Harmison and Paul Rutchison. With the A team now proving more effective than county cricket as a way to the top, their push for recognition starts the moment they get off the plane in Harare.



England's one-day squad for Alex Tudor, who was named in the Ashes tour party yesterday, with the England coach, David Lloyd

Overjoyed Tudor awaiting the specialist's go-ahead

have made his way as a batsman. It is what he thinks he has always done best, what comes naturally to him. Unfortunately for him the 20-year-old Surobscene amount of talent as a fast bowler and, had it not been for injuries, would surely have taken more than the 60 firstclass wickets he has to his

name to date. But, batting or bowling, it matters little to Tudor, because he is going on an Ashes Tour with England. "I am overjoyed," said Tudor, who sees a specialist next Monday to find out if he has recovered from a fractured foot which has caused him to miss the run-in to Surrey's season. "They may be taking me for the experience, but I am not going to Australia for a holiday. I am going there

ALEX TUDOR would rather The young fast bowler needs to prove his fitness to take his place Down Under. By David Llewellyn

rey player has been granted an to work. I want the selectors to get a proper look at me and, with a bit of luck, if I have a couple of matches on the tour I will create a problem for them. This is an ideal opportunity for me. Cricket is a furmy game. Anything can happen, and while I don't want anyone to get injured, things happen on tour and I will grab any opportuni-

ty that I get with both hands." His former team manager David Gilbert, now with Sussex, knows Tudor as well as anyone and he said: "It's a wonderful opportunity for him. Although he can bat, he is a man who has that rare ability to bowl a very quick ball. The guy is genuinely fast. If I have any concerns about him it is that he has proved himself to be very injuryprone and the hard wickets in Australia are very unforgiving. So be will have to be fitter than he has ever been in his life in

order to come through it." Gilbert added: "He consistently goes for four an over and bowls too many no balls and he must look to the Ashes tour to sort that out. If he conquers that then he should go to the top. "He has a work ethic and

pays great attention to his fitness. In fact we used to wonder whether he had his priorities right in the gym. He had the chest of an Adonis but we were

worried about his chicken

legs."
The former England Under-19 fast bowler suffered from a chronic rib injury in 1996 and missed a chunk of the 1997 season as well. This year saw the Wandsworth youngster. who is as valuable with the bat to his club Spencer in the Surrey championship, start well but tail off as the stress fracture of the foot deteriorated.

But Tudor insisted last night: "The foot is fine and I can't wait to start running again. I have been in the gym on the rowing machine and the bike but I can't wait to go running around King George's Park in Wandsworth. He planned to celebrate last

night by having a few friends round. "I don't drink alcohol," Tudor explained, "But they will do my drinking for me. I have



Red card calls

Sir: The declining quality of commentating reached its nadir during the World Cup when the standard (especially on ITV) became, frankly, abysmal. I propose a new system that will entail a "commentating referee", who will give out yellow and red cards for various

misdemeanours: Cricket: each time the Test commentators venture off the subject of cricket on to, say, sheet disping they should be penalised.
Football: when the

commentator shows no understanding of simple pronunciation techniques or pappropriate patriotism, he bould also be reprimanded. If commentators receive two yellows, or a straight red, they should more people to watch sport with the sound turned on. DAVID WEBB (age 13) Streatham, London

MCC members

Sir: My late father was, and my four brothers are, keen cricketers. My mother eschewed sports but I embraced them. At the ripe age of 28 I have, perhaps, peaked as a spin bowler and am

be substituted by the producers but an average batsman. I play for immediately. This would enable a local, friendly team where I am accepted as an "honorary" man.

Growing up in a maledominated household, the activities and bawdy talk of the changing-room did not faze me. While I cannot imagine that the delicate flowers of the Barbara Cartland persuasion would ever wish to be members of the MCC, some women do. I am a size 12, wear make up, am heterosexual, non-radical and non-hirsute. I hope that the members of the MCC will allow me to join them,

preferably before I reach retirement age. SYLVIA RIVERS Woking, Surrey

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Spin sinner

Sir: Excuses, excuses, yet again. Whenever the England cricket team performs badly (very often in the past 12 years) there is an excuse. This time it is the legitimacy of Muttiah Muralitharan's action, questioned by David Lloyd. With a string of

Test series defeats and the inability to elevate England to parity with all other Test-playing nations, Lloyd is quick to pass judgement on a spin bowling

He should admit that England's batsmen lack the talent to counter such spin and England's spinners the ability to spin the ball. Lloyd should learn from Muralitharan about the art of off-spin and not to criticise his

efforts. HAREEN MARCELLINE Dyce, Aberdeen

Sir: We were dismayed to hear David Lloyd's ill-judged comments about the bowling action of Muttiah Muralitharan. The Sri Lankan has been harassed by an Australian umpire and scrutinised by the International Cricket Council. His action has been ruled legitimate, and he has demonstrated that he is, as England's captain, Alec Stewart, has said, a class above

any other off-spin bowler in the

For two decades, Sri Lanka's Test cricketers have home

England's patronising attitude with good humour, letting their charm and skill on the field speak for them. They are world champions at the one-day game. and have proved themselves able to take on the world at the five-day game. Next time they grace this country with a Test tour, let them have three or five matches, and let Mr Lloyd keep his sour-grape flavoured prejudice to himself. TOM AND ROSHI SAUL London SE26

Sir: The reaction of David Lloyd to magnificent Muralitharan's memorable performance was most unfortunate and is not cricket at all, I do not think he should continue to coach the England side. He should be given the red card promptly. RICHARD KARUNATRAJAN Toronto, Canada

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Waiting goes on for Maynard Clubs claim

By JOHN COLLIS

at Hove

Sussex 332 Glamorgan 353-8dec

MATTHEW MAYNARD is still seeking his first century of the season - the last time he reached three figures was at Taunton almost a year ago when Glamorgan secured the Championship. Against Sri Lanka in July he fell one run short, and yesterday a ton was his for the taking when he set off for a tight second run and lost out to Robin Martin-Jenkins' throw from the square leg boundary.

But, while it lasted, the 109ball innings, adorned with 16 fours and a wristy, effortless six over mid-wicket off Martin-Jenkins when the Glamorgan batsman had barely taken guard, was vintage Maynard.

A quartet of boundaries followed in the tall seamer's next over, so the run-out was belated but sweet revenge. Maynard has an unfussy, self-contained elegance, all timing and power placement with no need of elaborate flourishes, a style as close-cropped as his hair. Tony Cottey contributed just a quarter of the runs to their hundred partnership but he never seemed becalmed - it is just that there was not an awful lot for him to do.

The Sussex innings did not detain Glamorgan long in the morning. Jason Lewry, the brisk left-armer who had a season's bag of 60 wickets before this match, awoke to the news that he had been selected for England's A tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa, and reflected that a two-week family holiday was the closest he had come to such an overseas campaign in



The Glamorgan opener, Alun Evans, survives a determined appeal from the Sussex bowler, James Kirtley, at Hove yesterday

the past. He was perhaps still in a state of pleasurable shock when he snicked his fellowtourist Darren Thomas, the most productive of Glamor-

Glamorgan reply was estab- Lewry a celebratory wicket and Alun Evans, but immedigan's pace men, and Nick ately after lunch they depart- responsibility in Giamorgan's sequences of modest scores. He

lished by Wayne Law, three the scene was set for Maynard, days short of his 20th birthday, and after his dazzling afternoon display Cottey assumed

A composed start to the Once Adrian Dale had given beyond the Sussex total of 332. a further useful partnership Cottey has had a mixed season with the bat - centuries against Northamptonshire and Durham have been qualified by ed in the space of three balls. attempt to take their score pressed on in fading light and

ended when Mike Powell miscued a pull to give Lewry another scalp. Cottey was finally snapped up for 91 by Martin Jenkins, but Glamorgan got

stairway to elite status

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

ALL BUT one of the five clubs who could win the First Division's Grand Final later this month will press ahead with an application to join Super League. Wakefield Trinity. Dewsbury, Featherstone and Swinton are all going into the play-off series, which starts this weekend, committed to claiming a place among the élite if they win on 26 September.

"This division is still the pathway to Super League." Bob McDermott, chairman of the First and Second Division Association, said. "Clubs have the chance to demonstrate that. if they win the Grand Final and can meet the criteria laid down. a place in Super League is the ight and just reward."

However, McDermott's own club, Dewsbury, in third place after the end of the league programme on Sunday, will not try to force their way into the top division even if they win the Grand Final at Huddersfield. because their ground fails to meet the standards required.

"We have to treat this as a valuable competition and well worth winning in its own right." the Dewsbury coach, Neil Kelly, said. "Our aim is to win the competition and what happens off the field is not our concern.'

The other four, including the eaders Wakefield, who would have to move to meet the stadium criteria, have their chances of elevation enhanced

Super League. It will stand at 13 clubs. improving the prospects of the First Division winners achieving promotion.

"We would all certainly do better than Gateshead at the moment, because we've got more players than them," the Featherstone coach, Steve Simms, said. "We all need three or four players to be able to compete in Super League.

The Grand Final, which will pre-date Super League's version by a month, is to be shown live on Sky and in front of what Fasda hopes will be a crowd of more than 10,000. The association is also to look into the pussibility of a televised competition in November or April, outside the present summer season. Talks are going on with both Granada Yorkshire and the BBC, said McDermott. There could be more ruc-

tions in the "other business" section of today's meeting of the Rugby League Council, with clubs ready to complain about the cost of sending three men to Sydney for the recent international meeting. The League, meanwhile, is likely to be critical of Fasda and Super League's attacks on its chairman, Sir Rodney Walker. Of greater significance is the need for a reorganisation of next season to leave room for international rugby in October.

Salford have signed the Bradford second rower Simon Knox on loan for the rest of the season, while Leeds are close to signing the former Great Britain hooker Lee Jackson by the addition of Gateshead to from Newcastle Knights.

Smith keeps title-chasers in hunt

BY HENRY BLOFELD at Edgbaston

Leicestershire 190-6 v Warwickshire

THE RAIN, which came in two parts, allowed a meagre ration of 48 overs here and Warwickshire will have been happier with the outcome than the Championship aspirants. Leicestershire. A pitch which allowed a certain amount of lateral movement saw the Warwickets against some not es- topped by Ed Giddins, to har- Maddy's wicket for 27 runs and taking the precaution of keep- to Nick Knight at second slip.

The manner of the dismissals did little to suggest that Leices-

tershire have a chance of winning the title, not that the Warwickshire bowling was that impressive either as Ben Smith showed. In a delightful innings, he took full advantage of all the many long-hops that came his way to reach his 50 from 61 balls with nine fours, most of them from square cuts, and was 82 not out at the close.

pecially distinguished batting. bour at any rate a mild griev- might have had a couple more. ing it down and was well caught

Smith is one of several playwickshire seamers pick up six ers in a list, which must be straight off, took Darren

ance that he has not been se- In the sixth over, Vince Wells lected for any of the touring played back, followed a short parties announced in sepulchral tones yesterday morning by David Graveney. Smith has cliffe might have been caught had an excellent second part of at short leg when he first came the season and is a tiger in the in but then produced a flurry of

On cricketing grounds, Gid- and drove. The score was 21 dins has every reason to feel when Maddy shuffled across his hard done by and he showed his character at Edgbaston by not ed lbw when the ball cut back. catching practice. It then allowing the sad news to affect him. He bowled 10 overs

one from Dougle Brown and was caught behind. Iain Sutdelightful fours as he square cut

stumps to Giddins and depart-It had progressed to 47 when Sutcliffe turned a ball from

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

at backward short leg. Six runs later, Phil Simmons who must have been thinking about something else, played forward to a very wide one from Munton and was caught behind.

Smith and Aftab Habib now got in on the square-cutting and pulling stakes before Habib went back and steered Brown to first slip as if he was giving rained again leaving time for only nine more overs in which Tim Munton off his hip without Paul Nixon edged Munton low

NEWTON ABBOT

HYPERION

2.10 Born To Please 2.40 Casual Water 3.10 Wayne Lukas 3.40 Love Me Do 4.10 Clifton Set 4.40 Major Change

GOING: Good to Firm.

III Left-hand, sharp, courso with short run-in.

III Course is N of town on A380. Nawton Abbot station him.

ADMISSION: Tathersals \$10; Course £3. Accompanied underties free CAR PARK: On rails \$150, remainder tree.

III LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 94-341 (276%), P Hobbe 53-770
(312%), P Nicholle 33-135 (244%), R Frost \$2-25 (111%).

III LEADING JOCKEYS: R Domicody 43-128 (336%), B Pewell 17-178 (96%), T J Murphy 14-55 (255%), N Williamson 13-

FAVOURITES: 274-632 (43.4%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Seachest (2.40).

2.10 CHUFFERS SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) 52,300 added 2m 6f

7 .0P0-5 RED PHANTOM (17) P Rodord 6 t0 12 S Burrough V 9 U3U5-0 VICEROY RULER (32) H Manners 7 t0 12 A Dowling (7)

-8 dielered -BETTING: 9-4 Born To Please, 3-1 CashBow Crisis, 9-2 Weather Wise, 5-1 Exsited, 6-1 Little Hooligen, 16-1 Dutch, 20-1 others FORM VERDICT

The principals all have a negative about their chances here, principally on account of reliability CASHFLOW CRISIS has a better record than most on that score and though a below-par run over course and distance last time tempers enthu-sasm, his earlier form gives him a decent chance.

2.40 COME DOG RACING AT NEWTON ABBOT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E)

£4,000 added 2m 110yds

FORM VERDICT

Persian Butterfly would have a good chance on her best form but is not really progressing over tences so the in-form CASUAL WATER is preferred. That said, the latter still has plenty to learn about jumping tences and, as such, doesn't make much appeal as a betting proposition at fixely odds.

3.10 ROD SNELL MEMORIAL NOVICE HURDLE (E) £2,900 added 3YO 2m 1f

1. ORIEL STAR A McCartiny 4-1
2. Tread Softly R Winston 15-1
3. James Dee D Sweeney 7-4 fav
Also rac: 6-1 Roemoor Girt, 7-1 Manderez
(48th), 4-1 Backon, 20-1 Baytord Green, 20-1
Elsie Barnford, 25-1 Chillian, 25-1 First Matress pulled up, 25-1 Reactive (6th), 33-1
Broughtors Song, 50-1 Adelphi Boy, 50-1 Just
Grey, 50-1 Parasio Boy, 50-1 Time in Motion,
100-1 Celtic Seal (5th),
17 ran. Shihd, 1½, 1½, ½, (winner brown
filly by Lugaria Beach out of Celtic Bird,
trained by F Evans, Welshpool, for Randat
Witte & Co Lieft, Role: 6440: £140, 5440, £190,
DF: £7730, CSF: £355.51

S.DO: (Im claiming states)

1. YEOMAN OLIVER ______T Outen 13-2

2. Genuine John ______ N Dey 5-4 fav.

3. Genuine John ______ N Dey 5-4 fav.

Also ram: 11-2 Detroit City (5th), 10-1 Po-eth, 12-1 Winston (6th), 20-1 Special-K, 25-1 Napoleon's Return (6th), 33-1 Novety, 33-1 Time Out, 100-1 Mecca Phrocess, 100-1 Spensit Veroit.

sin Verdict.

12 ran. 1, 5, 1/1, 1/1, 2/1. (winner bay horse by Precoclous cut of Impele Less, trained by B McMehon, Tarrworth, for Michael G T Stokes). Tote: £550: £240, £140, £270. DF: £730, CSF: £1352.

Asio ran: 3-7 Chob Mate (am), 66-1 Not Potato (Sth). 5 ran. 1%, 1%, 26, winner by Mukarickaman out of Arr Age, trained by E Alston, Longton, for Liam Penguson). Total: ESSO: ESSO: ESSO: ESSO: NF: Aberteidy, Cartmel Park.

JR Kan DHOMAS O'THALLEY (F21) R O'Sulven: 10 R Dust - 6 declared -BETTING: 8-5 Wayne Lukes, 13-8 HB And Run, 4-1 Chui em-Be-George, 20-1 Thomas O'Malley, Waltins

FORM VERDICT

On the limited evidence provided by their Flat careers, it's hard to spir Wayne Lukes and the or-Fronch HIT AND RUN here. The "Pipe factor" means that Hit And Run is alford-

3.40 WILF TOWNSEND MEMORIAL NOVICE HURDLE (E) £2,900 added 2m 6f 0-0312 LAAZIM AFOOZ (7) (CD) R Philips 5 11 5 . . R John 2 2 LOVE ME DO (18) Ms M Jones 4 10 10 . A D 3 4556- LA MEZERAY (449) Ms J Hawkins 10 10 ? N Wiles - 3 declared -BETTING: 4-6 Laszim Alocz, 5-4 Love Me Do. 25-1 La Mezeray

FORM VERDICT

The progressive LAAZIM AFOCZ has a clear form edge on Love Me Do and even allowing for the distinct possibility of improvement by the latter, is much the Meliosi writter.

4.10 PARTYFARE OF HONITON HANDICAP CHASE (D) 25,000 added 3m 2f 110yds 235 6 CLIFTON SET (23)(CD)(SF) C Mann ? IT ID A Durmoody B 2231P MUTUAL AGREEMENT (96) (CD) (GF) P Notols 1: 11 5

2-2221 DERRING BRIDGE (23) (CD) Mr. S Johnson 8 10 7

A SI5-2P SPECIAL ACCOUNT (17) (D) C Sarwell 12 13 7 G Bradley 5 3P-2P0 OH SO HANDY (18) R Cutts 12 10 6 4 Leech B - 5 declared - SETTING: 7-4 Denting Bridge, 9-1 Mutual Agreement, 7-2 Clifton Set. 11-2 Special Account. 7-1 Oh So Handy

FORM VERDICT

This should be between Derring Bridge, who has yet to run to anything like his best hurdles form over tences, Mutual Agreement and CLIFTON SET. The last-named's exsections win on his pentitimate start would give him a good chance and two wins here show a liking for this track.

4.40 MERRY TURK HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,900 added 2m 1f 018'G- MAJOR CHANGE (F17) (CD) (BF) Mas G Kelleway 6 11

SPO4-0 RUNNING DE CERRSY (20) (CD) M Pipe 4 11 7 C Maude 504-5 ROUTING (38) (CD) N Ayfrig 10 10 13 . 1. Companier (5) 380P- DONTDRESSFORDINNER (198) (D) R Hodges 8 10 5

450-30 GLOWING PATH (18) (CD) R Hodges 8 to 0. J Harris (?)
P2FS/ REVERSE THRUST (459) (D) P Hedger 7 to 0 .M Richards
- 6 doctared -Minimum weight: 10st. True handcap weights: Glowing Path 9st 10lb, Re-

BETTING: 64 Major Change, 9-2 Running De Certey, Routing, 5-1 Dont dressfordinger, 7-1 Glowing Path, 8-1 Reverse Thrust

FORM VERDICT Top-weight MAJOR CHANGE doesn't look budly treated, is proven under today's conditions and should be in from the Flat. He may be up to seeing off the in-form Routing.

RACING RESULTS RIPON Also ran: 6-1 Mono Lady (6th), 6-1 Yeast, 6-1 McGilycuddy Reeks (6th), 6-1 Traiblezer

plorer, 25-1 All Girls Forget, 66-1 Bhavnagar (5th). 11 ram, sht-hd, 21... 31/s. 28, 1 (winner bay gelding by Reprimend out of Secret Freedom, trained by J Chell, Pennth, to Caylon Bigley Partnershy Ltd. Rote: Pri70: C260, 5310, £150 DF: £7340 CSF £10247, Tng-set £390.75 NR Duncombe Hol, Kickonsun, Operatic, Pan Friend.

Also ran: 8-1 Kerlana; 8-1 Dietric, 8-1 Mu-jagem, 12-1 Coflege Music, 12-1 Rolling Hu, 4-1 Principal Dancer, 14-1 Springs Noble-quest, 18-1 Rich Dommon, 25-1 Rex is Okay (3th), 33-1 Now is The Hour, 33-1 Time To Wyn (6th), 33-1 Tuuti

Term (see). 35-1 fulla. (winner bay filly by Cadeaux Generaux out of Exit Laughing, trained by W Hagges, Newmarket, for J W Boglet. Tote: 08.70; 01.50, 03.40, 01.61, 01.70, 07: 05.21, 0.53-4, fucust: 035952, fore Triflecta: 0216.80.

5.00: (Im daiming stakes)

1. PLEASANT DREAMS _R Winston 12-1

2. Flower O'Cannie _____T Luces 3-1

3. Sharp Shuffle ______ H ughs 6-4 fav
Also ran: 11-2 Kannska, 9-1 Highspeed, 121 Equery, 15-1 French Griger (4th), 40-1 Patra (6th), 40-1 Zashr (5th), 50-1 Chica Holy, 66-1 Jazzy 11 ran, 3, 21., 2, 7, nk, (worner chestrut hip by Sabrerill out of Erika, trained by Denys Smith, Bishop Aucidand, for Jan Blairi, Tote: £350; £2.20, £1.70, £1.00 DF: £18.20 CSF: £44.2.

Also: 11-4 hav Spg Lane, 6-1 Pertemps Mrs. 90n, 7-1 Highheid Fizz (6th), 10-1 Amange, 14-1 Chanty Crusader (4th), 16-1 Hoh Ex-

(war).
7 ran. 3, 1½, hd. 7, 18, twinner bay gelding by Emperor Fountain out of Navanno Bay, trained by M W Easterby, Sherlff Hutton, for Stephen J Curbe), Yotac £3,40; £2,20, £2,40 DF: £15,0 CSF: £15,65 Tricast: £5151 MR: Diminutive. Jackpot: not won (pool of \$53,527,98 car-ried forward to York loday)
Piscepot: £14,30 Quadpot: £8,80
Pisce 6: £29,80 Place 5: £19,37

> UTTOXETER
> 2.15: 1. HOPEFUL LORD (A Moguret 7-3 fov: 2. Joily Boat 0-1; 3. King's Shifting 0-1; 10 run; 4. 12, IJ O Ned Pervish) Totar 0.250; 0.00 c.250; 0.360 DF CTI30 CSF. 0.250; 0.360 DF CTI30 CSF. 0.379; Treast: 0.380; DF CTI30 CSF. 0.381; 10. 2.15: 1. COURT CIRCULAR (G Termey) 7 2: 2. Rose Denour J-1; 2. Ever Smile 7:2 6 Fin. 3-1 km Master Hyde Hell 7 nk (W Clay Fulland) Tota: (430; C130, C230, DF C119k) CSF £1647

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CSF C16-37

3.45: 1. GLAMANGLITZ IN Waterson)
9-2; 2. Ballyline 7-1, 3. Oulek Quote 40-1
7 ran, 100-30 tay Scottish Bursts (pushed up)
Dst. 37: IP Dollon, Burton-on-Timen ToteC440, C180 C270, DF C1170 CSF C2C-51
4.15: 1. SILVER MINK (Mr A Dumplay) III-10
for, 2. Willon's Pride 5-2, 3. Chief Mourse
7-1 5 ran, 7-9 (Mrs M Revoloy, Sciliburn)
Tote: C180, C130 C140 DF C210 CSF C200
4.45: 1. MR SPECULATOR (T J Mapphy)
C3-8; 2. Grovelair Lad 12-1, 3. Molennys
Dram 33-1 4 ran, 4-7 tay Going For Broke
MRU 1-, 37 (J Spearing, Alcuston Tote: C270
DF C920 CSF: C355;
Placepoot: C4180 Quadrot: C449)

Placepot: 041480 Quadpot: 03490 Place 6: 0505.29 Place 5: 034666

earn more **Tests with England**

Sri Lanka

FOLLOWING THEIR historic 10-wicket triumph at The Oval on Sunday in the one-off Test match, Sri Lanka can look forward to the prospect of more Tests against England in the coming years. Sri Lanka surged to their

first Test victory in this country when their off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, recorded the fifth best match haul in Test history of 16 for 220.

It is only the fourth Test played by Sri Lanka in this country since they became a Test-playing nation 17 years ago but their growing reputation, underlined over the last five days, has been rewarded by a better deal with England. Three Tests are planned for

England's 2000-2001 tour of Sri Lanka and the likelihood is that the Sri Lankans will have more than one Test here in 2002. The two teams have so far met six times, all in one-off Tests. Australia, New Zealand. South Africa, Pakistan, India

and Zimbabwe have already

played at least one three-Test

series against Sri Lanka, and

West Indies have played them in a two-Test series. Sri Lanka have become a greater force in Test matches through formidable batting and a varied spin attack, with Muralitharan the jewel in their

slow bowling crown. Muralitharan is Sri Lanka's most successful bowler and his 7 for 155 and 9 for 65 at The Oval brought his tally to 203 wickets in 42 Tests. He has now taken 68 Test wickets in 1998 next is Allan Donald of South Africa who has 66 - and has taken five wickets in an innings at least once against seven of the eight other Test teams - Australia being the only exception.

Britannic Assurance Championship Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire SRISTOL (Day 1 of 4): Gioucestershire (4 pts) are leading Northamptonshire (1 pt) by 5 runs with 6 first-innings wickets in hand Gloucesterstine vicin 1965 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE — First lan

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"M W Alleyne b Follett18 0 3 30 40
M G N Windows not out32 0 5 59 93
A J Wright not out
Estras (fb1 nb14)15
Total (for 4, 42.2 overs)128
Fatt: 1-4, 2-12, 3-49, 4-127,
To Blac: 1R C Russell, M C J Ball, J Lewis, A M Smith, C A
Walsh.
Bourling: F A Rose 14.2-5-45-1, J P Taylor 14-6-28-1, D

Somerset v Worcestershire TAUNTON (Day 1 of 4): Somerset (4 pts) are trailing Wortestershire (1 pt) by 204 runs with 9 first-inalogs wickets in hand Workeyerstine don toss

WORCESTERSHIRE - First Innings

sons 2-0-8-0. A R K Pierson 10-1-32-0. SOMERSET — First landags
Roms 6s 4s Bis Min Rall: 1-20.
To Bett "P D Bowler, R J Harden, M E Trescothich, K A Parsons, M Burns, G D Rose, (R J Turner, A R Caddick, S Jones, Bowling: R J Chapman 3-Q-12-0, G R Haynes 3-2-5-1.
Utopixes: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Warwickshire v Leicestershire EDGBASTON (Day 1 of 4): Lekestershire (0 pts) Leicestershire won toss LEICESTERSHIRE - First busings

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B F Smith not out					
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C C Lewis not out					
Extras (lb1 nb14)					
Total (for 6, 46.4 overs)					
Fall: 1-11. 2-21, 3-47, 4-53. 5-124, 6-175.					
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Bowling: E 5 H Glddins 13-4-43-1, D R Brown 14-1-75-					
2, T A Munton 10-2-36-3, A F Giles 9-3-20-0, N M K Smith					
0.4-0-7-0					
Umpires: G Sharp and) D Lloyds.					
Hampshire v Middlesex					
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Total (131.1 overs) ______A37
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Sussex v Glamorgan HOVE (Day 2 of 4): Glamorgan (7 pts) are leading Sussex (5 pts) by 2 runs with 5 first-innings wickets In hand Sussey mod toss

SUSSEX -- First lanings Overalght 313-8 (Newell B4. Martin-Jenkins 78, Rao 76) Bondags O T Parlon 28-9-88-2, A P Daves 21-5-68-2, S D Thomas 28-3-5-63-4, A Date 20-5-51-1, R Croft 16-6-48-0.

GLAMORGAN - First busings Will Law r Adams b Robinson.....45 0 7 71 87 A W Evans low b Martin-Jenkins26 0 5 79 91 P A Cottey not out.......90 0 16 129 181 M J Powell c Robinson b Lewry23 0 4 46 63

Fatt: 1-85. 2-85. 3-134. 4-236. 5-311. To Bat: tA D Shaw, 5 D Thomas, A P Davies, O T Parkin. Bowling: J D Lewry 22-2-86-2, R J Kirtley 21-2-71-0, M A Robinson 14.3-1-60-1. R S C Martin-Jer K Newell 6-0-36-0, R K Rao 2-0-9-0. Untraffres: R Julian and K E Palmer.

Lancashire v Derbyshire OLD TRAFFORD: No play yesterday due to rak

Yorkshire v Surrey

Third NatWest Under-19 Test LESEX — Pirst landings Overnight 357-5 (Strauss England v Pakistan CHELMSFORD (Day 2 of 4): Pakistan are trailing Eng-

land by 171 runs with one first-innings wicket in hand ENGLAND UNDER-19 — First limings Oversight 368-9 (Key 88, Gough 67, Irfan Fazal 4-120) First lenings Coatd Raus 6s 4s Bls Min......71 0 8117 187

JO Grove c Faisal lobal b Inam-ul-Haq.61 0 9 54 74 rling: Irfan Fazil 27-1-141-4, Zahid Saeed 25-3-105-3. Kashif Raza 19-2-70-1, Bazid Khan 3-0-20-0, Hasan Raza 15-4-50-1, Inam-ul-Haq 4-0-19-1.

PAKISTAN UNDER-19 — First lanings Rues & 4s Bis Min Extras (010 lb3 nb16)......

Today's fixtures (10.30 start unless indicated)

Bristot: Gloucestershire v Northampromshire. Old Braf-Ford: Lancashire v Dertyshire (10.15). Taunton: Som-erset v Worcestershire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lencestershire. Headingley: Vorkshire v Surrey. (Day 3 of 4). Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex THIRD NATWEST UNDER 19 TEST. (Day 3 of 4).

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Godolphin rely on Faithful

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IN THE euphoria which followed Vintage's Crop's victory may have started to wonder of intent. for Ireland in the 1993 Mel- whether the Melbourne Cup is bourne Cup, when normally not simply too far away, too exinsular British trainers were pensive - and too much of an suddenly proud to call themselves Europeans, it seemed like only the beginning There it is probably Godolphin, who were bold predictions that the most important race in the southern hemisphere would become a regular and realistic target for horses from our half Flemington Park on the first of the planet. The unspoken implication was that Australian racing had more money than talent.

The reality, of course, has McCarthy strikes lucky in the Nags Head proved rather different. Some fine horses – Quick Ransom, Double Trigger and Oscar Schindler among them - have headed south in the four years since, but not one of them has managed even to reach the frame. Harbour Dues' fourth

place for Lady Herries a year Melbourne Cup were published Caulfield Cup, Australia's preago is the best a British yard can offer and some trainers embarrassment

If anyone can do it, though, have spent the last five years turning accepted wisdom into old wives' tales. What they have yet to do is send a runner to Tuesday in November, but when the weights for this year's

ADRIAN McCARTHY, one of

the season's leading appren-

tices, ended his longest losing

run of the campaign in the

Nags Head At Pickhill Maiden

Auction Stakes at Ripon yes-

handicap read like a statement No fewer than five of the first seven names belonged to hors-

es prepared by Godolphin, among them Swain, Predappio and Stowaway. The one possible runner among their entry, though, is Faithful Son, the Eclipse Stakes runner-up, who will leave Britain later this could be the most lucrative 17 days of his life.

with a winner on New Year's

Day, and on 7 August took his

score to 55. But he had drawn

a blank since until yesterday's

However it was a desper-

victory on Oriel Star

yesterday, the top end of the mier weight for age middle distance race, over 12 furlongs on October 17, Since Faithful Son has no form over the two-mile trip of the Melbourne Cup, he Caulfield Cup if he is to be allowed to take his place in the big handicap, for which he has been allotted a weight of 58kg (9st 2lb), a little over two weeks later. The rules are strict, but month to prepare for what as Simon Crisford, Godolphia's and the Caulfield Cup is the big racing manager, pointed out

yesterday, "if he doesn't come

his tally, for the David Evans-

trained filly had only a short

head to spare over Tread Soft-

As the result was an-

posite sides of the course.

ly - the pair having raced on op- you just have to keep battling

deserve to run in the Melbourne Cup anyway."

Godolphin's first runner in the must finish in the first five in the race. This is not the first time horse who's had a nice bit of that we've thought about it," Crisford says, "but it's the first time we've really planned for it. It's not a question of finding a horse for the race, it's about finding a race for the horses, target for him, and if he runs a big race there, the Melbourne The first stop will be the in the first five there, he doesn't Cup comes next.

away and hope your luck will

McCarthy, 19, started 1998 ately close call as he added to nounced, McCarthy said: "It is getting on for four weeks since my last winner and it has been a very frustrating time, but

factors against us, but our Should he make it all the horse is a class act. He's got way to the main event on 3 No- good acceleration, travels well vember, Paithful Son will be in his races, goes on any ground and is an older tough racing and strikes us as being the ideal candidate." Other possible runners from

Britain include Persian Punch and Grey Shot, who finished seventh in the race in 1996, "I don't want to make a knee-jerk reaction," Jeff Smith, who owns both, said yesterday, "but I would probably be tempted to run both." James Fanshawe may send Arctic Owl, a recent Group winner in France.

A more realistic assessment, though, may be that of Michael Eskander, a Melbourne bookmaker. He makes The Hind, the Adelaide Cup winner, his 10-1 favourite. Persian Punch, on the other hand, is the lowest-priced British contender - at 25-1.



Faithful Son, in pursuit of Cup glory in Australia

YORK

2.00 Task Force 2.30 Capriolo 3.00 CENTRAL COMMITTEE (nap) 5.00 Phareekh 3.30 Nigrasine (nb)

4.00 Suez Tornado

STALLS: 3f, 9f & 7f - Stands side; round course - Inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

III Left-hand, U-streped course. Flat and ideal for the powerful galloper.

III Racecourse is one mile south of city on A1036, York station one mile away. ADMISSION: County Stand £18 (16-25 year-cids £12); Tattersalls £10; Silver Ring £5 (OAPs £150); Course Enclosure £3 (OAPs £150). Under-tits free all enclosures. CAR PARK: 22, remainder free.

LEADING TRAINERS: Sir M Stoute 27 winners from 138 runners (succees rate 186%), H Cooff 24-89 (24.2%), B Hills 15-85 (11.9%), P Cole 15-119 (12.6%), D Loder 14-52 (28.9%).

H COCT 29-05 (SCC7s), IS Imass 10-00 (1157s), If Cours ST 105 (SCC7s), IS Course Image 14-86 (163%).

III LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettorf 48 wirs from 215 rides (success rate 22.3%), K Fallon 22-35 (144%), K Darley 19-181 (105%), M Hills 16-157 (102%), M Roberts 11-84 (17.7%), J Westver 10-181 (62%).

III FAVOURITES: 192 wirs in 561 races (34.2%).

LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Jellybeen (2.30), Puterl Wentworth (3.00) and lease 1500 cours 578 miles.

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4	.00	(CLASS E) £8,000 added 1m 1f Penalty Value £6,495
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2	232605	PLAN FOR PROFIT (25) (Professional Racing) M Johnston 4.9.5
3	50030 1	TEST THE WATER (42) (J.S. Threathad) R. Hennon 493
4	006020	THREE FOR A POUND (13) (Hyde Sporting Promotions) J Glover 493 Fortune 12
5	641334	NIGHT CHORUS (14) (R M J MacNat) B Rotmell 4 9 2
6	632100	RAMBO WALTZER (121) (D) (W G Swiers) D Nichols 6.9 1K Fallon 6
7	000054	UNITUS (13) (Mrs J Ryan) M Chapmen 5 8 19 T Wilson 10
8		WAITING KHIGHT (USA) (5) (Abdulah Ali) 8 Harbury 3 8 T3
9	-000013	SOMERTON BOY (22) (D) (BP) (Mrs Janis MacPherson) P Calver 8 8 12 J Carroll 15
10	0351	TASK FORCE (28) (Robert Russell) S Woods 3 8 12
Ħ		ROX DE DANSÉ (12) (A N Miles) J His 3 8 11
12		MARYLEBONE (8) (ults H Were) M Ware 4 6 10
13		NOBETY BARNES (48) (II) (Don E Inches) Enrico Inches 9 8 TO
76		RAASED (30) (3F) (Linichallenge Limited) F Western 6 8 TJ
15		OCEAN LINE (35) (Christopher Sharidand) A Janua 3 8 7
16		SIMPLY SUPER (7) (C E Britain) C Britain 3 8 4
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BETTING: 6-1 Somerton Soy, 7-1 Teel The Weter, 8-1 Three For A Pound, Night Chorus, Teek Force,
Simply Super, 10-1 Piss: For Proff, Rembe Wellzer, Russed, 12-1 others

1997: Brighstone 4 8 11 A McGione 6-1 (M Pipe) drawn (8) 8 ran

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Hi Nock Formerly smart handicapper, winner of 13 races (twice here) but on the downgrade since Chester claimer win test September. No show in three starts this season Plan For Profit: Useful fast ground handicapper. Resuming to form after lay-off when length fifth of 13 at Redcar (m) and reasonably well weighted on official figures. Test The Metars: Sept formular lang trop when beging bugwhy 2 lengths in Sendown In claimer in Jüly On a handy mark if his can reproduce that furning

In carner in July. On a nancy mark if he can reproduce that running. Three For A Pound? Running moderately since early-season win at Thirsk (m). Out-classed behind Sugarfoct over?In here last time and plenty to do on official figures. Hight Chorust in good form lately and each-way chance on 11/4 length third to Young Precedent over in here in July. Not diagraced over insdequate tinp last time. Remote Weltzer: Smart all-weather performer, not so good on tart. Returning from four-morth ley-off, but worth a check in market with Pallon booked. Best on sound surface United form for two seasons and planty to find on latest nine lengths fourth of 6 to Tablish. Belle at Ytermouth (Im 27)

6 to Tallulan. Belle of Yermouth (Im 2f.)
Washing Krights Best effort when neck second to Maresoof in Newcastle maken in
June but well below that form since. Well besten in Newmarket claimer test time
Someton Bey: Ayr specials, in good form lest two starts, besting Rebel County at Ayr
before 3 lengths third to Abajany over same course (Im). Weighted to be in shelfe-up
Task Force: Giving 15th to numerup and subsequent winner Persian Sabre when landing Leicester (Im) claimer last time. Lightly-reced and on upgrade but plenty of weight
Rel De Dance: Kempton meiden winner last term. Lightly-reced and showing little in
higher grade this term. Market probably the best guide.

Marvielbone; feconsistent meiden. Her not shown a crest cleal since 3 lengths third Marylebone: inconsistent marker. Her not shown a great deal since 3 lengths third to high Premium in Certain 7 deliner in two months ago Nobby Barmer Pating class these days. Little obvious chance at the weights Research Planty to find at the weights on latest 1/4 length third to Weish Mountain in Im Carisle apprentice handcap

Cartisle apprentice handicap

Coass Linux Signs of return to form when 4 lengths fifth of 12 to Water Force in Epsom

(In 19) maiden handicap in July but this is harder and trip tooks inadequate.

Simply Super: Well in on 2 lengths third to London Be Good at Doncester (Im) in July.

Has not reproduced that form and was well-bears fourth on all-weather last time. VERDICT: Redear running suggests PLAN FOR PROFIT might be returning to the form that earned him a handcap win at Sandown and placings in higher-grade company last season. He has been pitched in with a winning weight. Bask Force and Night Chorus appear the main dangers, though Somerton, Boy would also be a big tactor if he could reproduce his Ayr form here.

TO BE DESCRIBED PRODUCTS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

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ı	۱.		Capricle, 5-1 Edwe Heights, 10-1 Studies Park, 12-1 Col-Woody, 14-1 Breads Dec
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critical

kept sedated." Rossiter, 22, was admitted with suspected head injuries after falling from Hever Golf Charmer in a claiming hurdle.

trained by Charlie Morlock who said: "He had ridden the horse three times before and got round all right each time but he was unlucky this time, the horse caught the top of a swinging hurdle."

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Warningford (York 3.30) NB: Wellaki (York 4.00)

Caprilolio: Yet to build on debut third at Newmerlest but had subsequent winters behind when third to Lady Angherad at Salabury (7f) and should appreciate longer into Diamond Ladz Down in gratie and up in trip after 8 lengths shift of 7 to Celcuits at Ayr (8). Plenty to find

Dismond Lact: Down in gratie and up in trip after 8 lengths shift of 7 to Celcutin at Ayr (8). Plenty to find Edmo Heighter: Benefited from longer trip when beaten head by Courtestin at Beverley (7). Could improve again over this exits furing and should go close Justiceprometree: Yet to fulfil promise of debut third to Dipple at Ayr (8) but stayed on white severith of 11 to Princely Dreem at Porteinact (8) and should appreciate trip Little Heavy: Orly plating class on recent efforts but new trip could bring improvement West U There: Signs of better to come when tendenty-handed 4½ lengths fifth of 15 to Astonished at Certifie (5) but still plenty to find Blue Glasse; Archinglass filly, half-elaster to Flat and hurdles winner K-Brigade. Sugar Cube Thest: Meintained upward curve when fest-frieting 2 lengths third of 12 to Tary Tie at Chester (7). Longer trip should suit but more improvement needed Col-Woody; Pisce possible on 4 lengths fourth to Shoogle at Lingfield (7) but below par since. Should find extra furlong here no problem County Times: Some promise in early-season starts but fittle obvious chance on latest 9 lengths severath of 8 to Spy at Musseburgh (7). Nightiglands: Bailed off on Leicester debut behind Miss Dregorify. No obvious claims Way Bactic Finding his form over longer trip and stayed on well when 8 lengths severath of 5 to Spontanely at Thirsk (7). Should improve again but plenty to find Benedia Dee: Has not come on since neck second to Whore Less on Salebury debut. No luck in running when fifth to Herb Of Grace at Wernfok (7) debut and planty to find Justice that the bestern behind Sporting Led on Chester (7) debut and planty to find Justice that the leaf the plant to when first to winner on the Streenoth in Within the leaf to winner on the Streenoth in Within the leaf to winner of the Restriction in Within the leaf to winner of the Restriction in Within the leaf to winner of the Restriction in Within the leaf to winner of the Restriction in Within the leaf to winner of the Restriction in With

Gesforce: Welf bestern behind Sporting Led on Chester (71) debut and ptertry to find Jellybeen: Peterdia file, helf-sister to winning miler Phapsody in White. Studdey Park: Peiled to Neu up to Notthingham debut promise when 15 lengths 14th of 20 to Miss Dragonity at Lelosster (7). Probably capable of better VERDICT: EDMO HEIGHTS stuck to his test well when narrowly beaten by Cour-

tesan at Beverley and should relief this extra furlong. His battling qualities clearly impressed Kleren Fellon and he will find any chink in the armour of Caprilolo, who is entitled to go close on debut running and is returning tresh from a lay-off.

3	.00	BATLEYS CASH & CARRY HANDICAP (CLASS C £11,000 added 1m 5f 194yds Penalty Value £8,675
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ļ	024011	KARASI (16) (H H Age Khan) Sr M Stocks 3 9 9
Ļ	1-014	PUTER WENTWORTH (35) (Substitution Ahmed Straft) Miss G Kellenby 4 9 9) Fortune 16
ı	030131	SILENTLY (5) (D) (Gloria Darley Pacing) K Ryan 697 (5et) J Carroll 1:
•		DOMAPPEL (19) (BF) (M C Berks) Mrs J Cacl 696
•	515203	CRYSTAL FALLS (11) (C H Stevers) T Easterby 595K Darley 19
1	41050	LEGAL LLINCH (LISA) (13) (The Alleged Partiership) P Harris 3 9 4
1	823141	PLOW BY (25) (D) (Hearmonds Stud) J Dunico 3 9 2
0		SALSKA (5) (D) (P L Clinton) A Streeter 7 9 0
ī		WINESOME GEORGE (15) (C D Burber-Lomax) C Fairhurst 3 6 13
2	36213	DURHUM (21) (D) (Matthew Thole) G L Moore 7 8 13
3	262123	BENLIAMEN FRANK (31) (B Lam) S Woods 3 8 12
•	-00104	CENTRAL COMMITTEE (18) (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple Hydro 38 12R Havdin (3) 12
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pel, Central Committee, 12-1 others 1997: Forgle 4 8 13 N Dey 18-1 (P Calver) dissen (10) 15 mm

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er: Better then ever (51b higher now) when wirning 8-numer arreduct race et Chester (tin4), good) 12 days-ago by 5 langths. Stays 1m6 well Livrius: Pive reces so har (in frame in all of mem) have been at around 1m21. Stayl on well in smaller fields for handicaps lest two starts, but 1m81 is a big step up Kerset: Visored lest three eterts and improved form last two, whining over time! (good to firm) in malden at Brighton and hendicap at Ripon. Should stay limb! Puteri Wentworth: Improving stayer, winner over 2m4 (good to soft) in 214400 handicap at Goodwood last time. 6to higher here and this 'm6f trip looks too short handicap at Goodwood last time. Bib higher here and this final top looks too short Silentity: Geined first win in 3 seasons (often ungerwine) in 4-runner melt delimer at 8-ti in August. Soon added a second in 12-runner handicap at Musselburgh Domappet: Won at Chester (fin4f) in May and in frame all starts since. Second of 10 at Redozr in 1997 probably proved that he stays fin8f. Goes well on fest ground Crystell Felfar 8-4, won 5-runner race at Filpon (fin4f) in July and has mostly run well since. Only previous try at 1m8f was a decent effort on his reappearance. legal Lunch: Easy winner of matien at Haydock (103t, good to soft) in May, Has not improved on that in handcaps, 8th of 14 here test time, Uncertain stayer Flow By: Winner of three handcaps, 8th of 14 here test time, Uncertain stayer Flow By: Winner of three handcaps this term and has been raised only 6th, Justified fecountism at Haydock (1m6t, good) lest time and should figure again. Satisfie: Won over 1m6f and 2m in June and good second next two starts. Fifth of the activities of Edition assessment that the complete manufacture are detected. 10 at Thirak on Friday suggested that this career-high mark is too high These of Prosey suggested that the carear-lagh mark is no high.
Winsome George: Hise run well in visor most of this season, winning at Beverley and Redear. Hampered latest start, Handicapper may now have his measure.
Durham: Won at Sandown (timel) in July and good third to Highwayman there on latest. Has not won off this high a mark before, but has Palion to galvarise him. Benjania Frank: 1-2 when winting maiden at Brighton (tm4t, good) in June by a neck. Placed in two 5-runner events since, including handicap over 1m8f Central Committee: Won maiden at Werwick ("It good to firm) in June. Has not had best of luck in handicaps since. Well worth this try at 'mild' Bersaglic: Feir melden, best judged on length third of 8 to High And Mightly at Sandown (ImBt, good to firm) lest time, staying on well. 25 higher here

VERDICT: An interesting herotices, with most of the Seld going into it in good form. Totem Dencer is in great heart and very much one for the short-fist, while the three-year-cide FLOW BY and Berseglio are both proven at the trip and have scope for further improvement. Flow By has very solid credenties and narrowly gets the vote, but finals such as Livius, Kersel and Control Consmittee, who are trying the trip for the first

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3	.30	LAWRENCE BATLEY RATED HANDICAP (8) £27,500 added 6f Panaity Value £18,687
1	005100	FIRE DOME (18) (D) (J) M Renson) D Nicholls 6 97
2	014045	MGCRASSME (18) (D) (Sungak Potatoen) J L Eyro 495
3	602510	WARRINGFORD (25) (Berford Bloodstock II) J Parethews 4 9 3
4	200610	BRAVE EDGE (40) (C) (D) (Horts Vale Recinc) R Harmon 793
5	421100	VOLDETTERS (FR) (26) (The Commoners) P Harris 3 9 1
6	-10404	TREPLE HAY (15) (D) (The Broadgate Partnership) R Harmon 4 9 0
7		DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (15) (CD) (E Rollinson) P Felgate 8 9 0
8	00-002	EMERGING MARKET (18) (CD) (Philip Woughton) J Dunlop 68 13
9	420540	JENNY TOO (18) (D) (J D Graham) 5 McMahon 3 8 19 L Newton 5
10		LONE PEPER (25) (Seeed Manage) C British 3 8 11 Wherest 3
11		DOUBLE ACTION (18) (CD) (C H Sisvers) T Easterby 4 8 10
12		DARING DESTINY (SS) (D) (Nigel Shields) K Burlay 789
13	201260	KAYO (19) (D) (J David Abel) T Etherington 388
14	04245	VENTURE CAPITALIST (15) (CD) (W G Salers) D Nichole 9 8 8
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462202 LAGO DI VARANO (15) (The PET Group) R Whiteler 6 8 7

Capitalist, 14-1 others 1987: Double Action 3 & 6 L Chemock 6-1 (T Easterby) drawn (3) 15 ran FORM GUIDE FOHMS GUIDE

For Desert inconsistent, but came smoothly from off strong pace to win listed race at Sandown (5t good to soft) in July. Probably unsuited by test going last time. Migraeline: One to rection with in big sprint handicaps, on last two outings fourth of 29 in the Stewards' Cup and titth of 22 in the Greet St Wittrick Helps set the pace. Warningsforth Word 6-runner race at Yammouth (7t good). Found 258000 handicap at Ascot last time too competitive. Now 30 higher and trying 6f for the first time. Breve Edger A race winner, success in a very tight firsh at Newbury (6t good) in July possibly fifting up hit 1998 quota. Second of 75 over 6f here in May. Voluntilent: Bold frore-running performances to win meiden at Haydock (good to soft) and lated race at Epsorn (good to firm), both over 7t Has run badly since. and listed race at Epsom (good to firm), both over 7t. Has run badly since.

Triple Hay: Has gone close twice off this mark recently, when fourth to Brave Edge
at Newbury and to Literary Society here at York. Again one for the short-last

Double Splendour: 1b higher than when winning rated stakes at Newmarket in May.

Below form last four starts, with possible eccuses. Has good record at this course

Emerging Market Hength second of 22 to Cadeaux Cher in the Great St Wifrid at

Pipon listest start. 3b higher here, but any sealing in the ground is a bigger worry

Jimmy Too: 2nd of 11 to impressive Eastern Purple at Haydock (8t, good to soft) in

May. 7b lower now, but tried in headges last 3 starts and starting to look diseppointing

Looe Piper: All his eight races so far have been over 7t, heading Quiet Assurance close

home in conditions stakes at Newmerket. Uncertain to appreciate drop to 6!

Double Action: Won this race last year off 80 (83 today). Promising second here in

June but very disappointing in top handicage since and is now binkered first time

Dering Destiny: Lightly raced and below form last two seasons. Easily best 1986 effort

when third (neck behind Double Action) here in June. Distrit stay 'm test time

Kayoc Has won three this term, two on all-weether. Most of his 1986 races, and easily Kinyo: Has won three this term, two on all-weather, Most of his 1996 races, and easily best form, have been over 71. Thin of 19 on latest by over 61, but that was on firm going Venture Capitalist: Won 4-unner conditions states at Doncaster in July, Easily best other 1998 afforts have been in big fields over the C&O, Sin of 23 at the Ebor Meeting. Cadesux Cher; Got his act together to register 81 hek-trick at Doncaster, Leicester B Ripon (Great St Wilfrid) this summer. Fifth race in 33 days when below form latest Lago DI Varano: Usually visored, but blinkers reepplied when back to form for 1/-length second of 23 to Literary Society here 15 days ago. Decent chance on that Jennetie: Came late to win 6-runner hundicap at Redoar (5), soft) in April. Stiff tasks since (has another one here from out of the weights) and yet to prove site stays of Ollin: 16th of 29, but first of those with single-figure chast, in the Stewards' Out. Places off 6th lower now, but no show in the Literary Society race here latest start

VERDICT: Recent rain may have gone spainst Emerging Mariest, one of seven from this field who ran in the Great St Withd, the others including winner Cadeaux Cher and close fifth Nigrealine. Binkers are applied in an ettempt to bring Double Action (17th at Riport) back to form. They worked for Lago Di Verano here at the Ebor Meeting in an enter race which featured plenty of today's runners, many of whom never got into the action. Much better performences from Cadeaux Cher and Ollin, in particular, would have a bearing on the result today. With all of these imponderables, DARING DESTINY is suggested as the form selection, dropping down the weights and with the booking of Kiaren Eulico looking significant.

The Limping Cat: 11/. lengths second of 18 to Night Shot at York (51 firm) two weeks ago. This is his first run over 61 (not certain to stay) and he is also out of the weights

4.00 LONE PIPER SCOTCH WHISKY HANDICAP (CLASS D) 29,000 added 1m Penalty Value 27,694

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		BOLD KING (12) (D) (Aver Industries List) J Hills 395M Hills
		FREEDOM QUEST (28) (8 Valentine) J Hetherton 3 9 5
	-00505	ALHAWA (USA) (25) (D) (DGH Parinership) Mrs J Remedian 5 9 4
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	063634	BRAVE ENVOY (29) (D) (BF) (Tom Burge) M Heaton-Ellis 4 8 9
ı	454340	SUEZ TORNADO (8) (D) (Pepermetes Resing) E Alston 5 8 7
	00422	AMICO (11) (D) (BF) (Guy Reed) C Thornton 4 8 6
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BETTING: 8-1 Safey Ans., 18-1 Goldman, Gabbases, 12-1 Blooming Assesting, Rabel County, Suez
Tomado, 14-1 Grey Kingdom, Wellald, Bold King, Allman, Band On The Run, Stave Envoy, 18-1 1997: Theriton 499 A Windon (5) 13-2 for (13 Milliman) drawn (6) 22 min

FORM GUIDE ing Amezing: Stole a merch when besting Goldfarte a length at Pontetract (fm)

Blooming Amezing: Stole a merch when beeting Goldfarrie a length at Portetract (tm) less time. Lifely to stuggle under 5b peneity on this course. Gray Kingdon: Brigoring a great sesson with two wins (both on soft). Ran well off this mark at Newcastle in July but so far best up to 7½ furlongs. Bergen: Debut winner less term, Best effort since when 4 lengths seventh of 17 to Repier over tim if here in June. Shorter trip here might suit but has plenty on at weights. Saley Arec Well rickien to beek Bomb Alasika a length from 5b lower at Salisbury (tm) lest time. Lifely to struggle from new mark in this stronger field. Wellakt: Sill a maiden. Placed at Goodwood and Windsor from 1to higher in early see Welfield: Still a malden. Placed at Goodwood and Windsor from 10 higher in early earson. Little improvement for binkins and visor and has ten-weak ley-off to overcome.

Dee Pae Tae Cee: Str-time winner lest tenn. Needed run on belated respessance
when 20 lengths lest of 17 to Honest Borderer at Ripon (tim 11). Probably best welched
Bold King: Career-best effort when 5 lengths tourth to Pho Lang over 77 here in May
from 4th higher. Lightly-raced and not really firing since, but stable in good form
Preedoon Queet: Welf besten in maldens this term. Lively to struggle off this mark.
Alterwar Stipping down the herofotap and welghed to go tobe on 5th to Mount Holly
at Newmarket in July. Useful erforts eince, but wide draw looks mejor problem

Rabel County: Below form in two starts since narrow win from 4b lower at Epsorn (m) last moreth. By no meens out of it but wide draw will be no help a lay-Owe-Two: Stipping in weights and gradually finding form. Stayed on well when 2½ langths sich to Kass Ahewa at Beverley (7) on Saturday and could take a hand Pride Of Pendier. On long losing run but 2b lower than latest win. Running respectably and capable of prominent role if she puts her best toot forward. Well drawn: Times O'Wan; Easy winner of Haydock seller last month but best form when fourth to Rylield in Cartisle maidten (7). Plenty to do on the face of it. Depot Dismoord: Sood second to Rapier over C(D in June off this mark. Changed stable since but encouraging effort behind Tonightis Prize at Porteinact (nn) last time Bead On The Run: Best effort for a white when next third of it to Gablesset at Heydock (1m) last month but on the downgrade and vulnerable to improver.

Berresbox Series of good early season efforts from around the mark but below form in recent starts, the latest when third to Charlies Bride in Carlete 77 conditions rece Hower Golf Glory: Running well below last seeson's best. Some signs of return to his best when 5 lengths fourth of 11 to Bold Tine at Leicester (71) but still opposable

best when 5 lengths tourth of 11 to Bold Tine at Leicester (71) but still opposable Goldtsmar Carried recent all-weather improvement over to turn when beasen length by Blooming Arracting at Portisinant (tim). Probably capable of better again Brave Envoy: Series of consistent efforts continued with 2 lengths fourth of 15 to Gablesea at Haydock (tim). Looks fairly well exposed off this mark: Suext Termado: Did not get the fast pace he wents when unlucky-in-running 11th of 12 to Blooming Amazing at Pontaffect (tim). Well in on beat form and one to consider Amicot Enjoying a good run of form but appears likely to find this on the sharp side, judging by last morthis Hernitton (tim) second to Tipperary Sunset Gableseas: Relised 10th for wins at Chepston and Haydock, 581 improving but closely weighted with Band On The Run and Erave Envoy on latest hunning Archello: Will need to step up on latest 4 lengths sixth of 20 to Lunch Party at Catinarick (71) to be a serious candidate. Yet to show she stays this trip
Thatcheck Several good efforts from around this mark since perfurences on Redoor win Several good afforts from around this mark since early-se ible to an improver. Recent rain has not improved his chance

ure Trick; Out of sorts since mid-sesson lay-off. Best watched at present VERIDICT: GOLDFAME did remerkably well to get so close to Biooming American at Pontetract, appearing to be chasing a hopeless cause two furiongs out. He is still on the upgrade and should furn the tables on 5th better terms. A wide draw appears to put. Allows out of the hunt, but dangers still abound, with Bols King, Pride Of Pendle, Dis-not Dissenced and Suce Terration, among others, carette for pleading a prefer pride.

4.30 MAYFIELD BITTER & LAGER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £9,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 85yds Penalty Value £6,290 ...K Palice 3 . A Culbane

BETTING: 3-1 Royal Footsine, 7-2 Ghell, Peradventure, 4-1 Blow Me A Kiss, 9-2 Rakestrus, 16-1

1997: Dellah 3 8 9 J Roid 5-4 fav (Sir M Stoute) chawn (7) 10 nan FORM GUIDE

Ghall: Alleged colt, promising fourth of 7 to Audeer in conditions stakes at Ascot (7f, good to firm) last September but not seen out since (r) good to serily eas department and the count set among the accupie too good for him. Paradventure: Pair malden, and consistent, but may find a couple too good for him. Rainstorm: Rainbow Curst colf out of a useful winner, he makes appeal on paper. Blow Me A Kles: Second in small fields last three starts, fair maiden form at this trip

ntaine: Runner-up in Sandown maldens over 1m and 1m21 in August VERDICT: The betting should prove very informative, because a great deal probably departs on the well-being of Ghalf and Rainstorm, well-bred coils from top stables but with only one previous run (lest September) between them. On recent form, the selection would have to be ROYAL FONTAINE.

5.00	KNIGHTSBRIDGE GIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £9,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £6,810
	SN THE GODS (83) (Anthony Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 9 0
	ISLAND HOUSE (26) (Molers Pacing) G Wrapp 8 0 M Hille 11
00	JAGUAR (18) (Adner: Fitzpeinck) Miss G Kellaway 9 0
3	KNEGH(TED (99) (Elle Racing Club) N Tinkler 9 0
6	PETRUS (15) (C E Britain) C Britain 90
	PHAREERH (19) (BF) (Sheith Mohammed) D Loder 9 0 L Dellord 2
	RAACI (40) (Harndan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9 0
-	REGAL PHILOSOPHER (Trajen Partners) J Her 9 0
0	TINI DRUM (26) (Michael Pescod) R Harmon 9 0R Hughes 7
· -	SADDLERS' GLORY (forly Sweetman) C Feirhung 89M Fenton 1
Ī	SCARLET RAIDER (USA) (M Arbb) P Cole 89
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ETTING: 7-4	Pharpaich, 6-1 Petria, 13-2 Weaver of Words, 7-1 Jaquist, 8-1 Scarlet Reider, 9-1 la-
ori Hernet 1	It.1 Bood 12.1 others

nent motere, 10-1 manup, 12-1 otrers 1997: Abecluty Sparkin 2 9 0 K Darley 12-1 (L Custant) drawn (6) 6 ma

in The Gode: By in The Wings out of a useful winner. Shaped well in the Newbury melden (\$1, soft) won by Locombe Hill though ended up only 10th of 11 Intelded as Scopey Grand Lodge colf. 15-1, lest of 12 in 71 intelded at Newmarket. Stable returning to torm. Sure to do better but looks more of a long-term prospect. Jaguer: Highly regarded, tried in the Coverbry Stakes on debut. Promising seventh of 21 in 71 Newbury maiden won by Forest Shadow. Should improve again. Knighted: 3% ignority third of 4 to Mini Loring in 7f molden at Newcastle, leading 5f Phareetit: 3-1 on for debut in 5-runner listed race at Newbury (7f, good to firm) but beeten 3 lengths into fourth, slow pace perispe against him. Worth another chance Rasqt: By Nashwan out of Mehtheat. 10-1, 11 % lengths last of five in 7f Ascot malden won by Compton Adminst, but looks sort to do much better Regal Philosopher: Brother to good miler Royal Philosophec Watch the besting

Tin Druse: Hell-brother to top-class Timeride. Well behind in 7f Kempton maiden Saddiece' Glory: Sister to a fairly useful winner, but would be a surprise debut winner Scartet Relider: Red Rensom Elly from Servily of Royal Academy, One to note Waswer Of Words: Well-bred Denehill Elly, 11-2, early pace when 31/4 lengths fifth ot 6 to Itlaik in 6f melden at Newbury. Another from whom improvement is expected

VERDICT: All of these have shown promise, and just who will make the necessary progress is hard to say. PHARESON has a a host of Group 1 entries and is very rightly regarded if the batting on his debut is anything to go by. He could be a short price again and if there is any value against him it is probably degase.

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Amateur rider still

AMATEUR JOCKEY Nathan Rossiter remained in a critical condition in intensive care yesterday following his heavy fall at Fontwell on Monday. A spokeswoman at St Richard's Hospital in Chichester said: "He is still critical and will be

Hever Golf Charmer is

BRIGHTON

2.20 Grey Princess 2.50 Brookhead Brandy 3.20 Samata One 3.50 The Green Grey 4.20 Roman Reel 4.50 Star Of The Course

GOING: Firm (watered). STALLS: Im2i, Im4f - outside; rest - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

DHAM ADVANTIAGE: None.

If Left-hand, U-shaped course, unclusting and sharp.

If Course is E of town. Follow signposts from town centre, Brighton station 1m (fast service from London, Victoria). ADMESSION: Cub £12 (accompanied under-18s free); Tatterselle £8 (accompanied under-tie free); Pionic Park £4 per car (plus £4 per occupant). CAR PARK: Free.

CAR PARK: Pros.

LEADING TRAINERS: R Harmon 38 wirs from 232 numers (64%), G L Moore 33-225 (14.2%), S Dow 21-758 (13.3%), Miss. G Retieway 18-83 (21.7%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: T Cains 51 wirs from 203 rides (25.1%), Dane O'Nell 28-183 (17.2%), Misrtin Dwyer 13-71 (18.3%), A Clark 9-127 (7.1%).

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SLINKERED FIRST TIME Dolphinelle (2.20). Paddock Inspec-

2.20 J DAVIES BUILDERS NURSERY HAND-ICAP (CLASS E) 23,750 added 2YO 5f

- 0 doctored -BETTING: 7-4 Grey Princess, 7-2 Princess Poley, 9-2 Simbaseh, 13-2 Tro-jan Girl, 7-1 Micholas Mistress, 8-1 Dolphicelle

FORM VERDICT Strictly speaking Shahasah has obvious claims over this min-imum trip on his best form but his stable is struggling and speedy GREY PRINCESS is given a tolum vote, dropping back to the minimum. 2.50 QUEENS PARK SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2YO 7f 2036 BIG CZ (6) J Culinan 811

FORM VERDICT

ZIRCON won't be giving Richard Quinn an armchair ride round here but if he runs to form, he should be too good for today's

303695 ZIRCON (f1) M Chemon 8 ff

3.20 BRIGHTON MARINA CLASSIFIED STAKES (F) £3,000 added 3YO 7f

- 13 declared -RETTING: 7-2 Alpen Wolf, 4-1 Sameta One, 5-1 Lady Versiona, 7-1 Kr Jae, Indian Street, 8-1 Flame Tower, 16-1 Hopeful Start, 16-1 others

FORM VERDICT He may not have achieved much on the book but ALPEN WOLF is going the right way and should get the longer Mp. be better for his recent break,

-cons THE GREEN GREY (1550)(8F) W Muir 4 9 8 Muntin Dwyer 10 463001 BURNING (9) (C) N Litimoden 6 9 6T G McLaughtin 1

55 TINE 7-2 Burning, 4-1 The Green Grey, 6-1 Mogetions, 8-1 Mr Rough, 10-1 Denning Lawyer, 12-1 Denne Transfer, Natalle's Pet, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

THE GREEN GREY and Burning are the in-form horses who are Rosty to dominate a fair claimer, Preference is for the former, who may have the better finishing speed at the trip.

4.20 J DAVIES BUILDERS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (F) £3,000 added 1m 2f 0-0462 MYSTERY GUEST (27) (8F) Sr M Prescott 3 10 13 Mr C Vigons 17 303001 TAJAR (19) (D) T Keddy 6 TO 11 _______lins H I 203206 GPOOMS GOLD (21) (D) (SF) P Heris 6 TO 10 _ Mr T McCerthy 13 49450 FALLED TO HIT (4) (0) IN Literacies 5 to 6

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3.50 BRIGHTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 15 000000 RESAL SPLENDOUR (6) J Bridger 5 9 B... Max S Booking 12 14 045080 DON'T DROP BOMES (20) (CD) R McGrin 9 8 7 15 850805 PATRITA PARK (15) W Q M Turner 493 16 000003 TOP SHELF (4) P Berns 4 9 3 Mr R Fornight (5) 4 - 17 declared -Affinium weight: Set 3th, Tue handloop weights: Putris Park Set 1th, Top Shall Set 0th, Sanut Set 12th BETTING: 5-1 Roman Real, 7-1 Mystery Guest, Injurell, 8-1 Xylem, Tajar, 10-1 Grooms Gold, Conte HIE, Don't Drop Bombs, 12-1 oth FORM VERDICT

> A big field of inexperienced riders makes this a contast in which to have a flutter rether then a serious bet. Jockeyship is a bigger factor than ever and GROOMS GOLD just gets

the varifict ahead of Anchor Venture, who is shar 4.50 LADBROKES SOUTH DOWNS FILLIES HANDICAP (E) £3,750 1m 3f 196yds F Span 7 است 226355 FAURING (27) M Blanshard 3 8 13.... -00056 JANET LINDUP (S) B HB: 387.

- 10 commun — 1 Minimum weight: 7st 10th. Type hierolicap weight: Hoppit 7st 8th. BETTRIG: 9-4 Stor Of The Course, 4-1 Maleila, 8-1 Jamet Undap, 7-1 Clasity, Little Miss Rocker, Fewring, 14-1 Regal Academy, 16-1 others

FORM VERDICT

The two last-time-out winners stand out here. Though Malekta is only 20 higher than when winning lest time, STAR OF THE COURSE won so well over C&D that even an 8th hille does not look prohibitive. She should be herd to beat.

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The day the Pini dropped at Richmond

Outspoken Australian full-back did not curb his tongue when things went wrong. Now he can see a bright future. By Tim Glover

MIDWAY THROUGH last season Richmond made the short journey to meet Harlequins in the Premiership and by half time had collapsed like a card-

~I was beginning to wonder what on earth I'd let myself in for." Matt Pini, Richmond's Australian full-back, said. "That was the lowest of the low." It may only have been a . couple of miles to The Stoop but for Richmond it almost amounted to a voyage of discovery. "People were affected by that defeat and some feit guilty about it," Pini said. "We had to hit that low in order to rebound."

It was time for a few home truths. The forwards were encouraged to talk about the backs and the backs about the forwards and Pini did not hold back. "I don't know whether I made too many friends at that time. I was quite vocal. I had something to say and I said it but I'm not sure many people liked it. On paper we had a very impressive squad but there was no consistency. I felt that some of the big names were letting themselves and the club down. The commitment wasn't

there. They were cruising along and had no desire to play. They didn't turn up on time for training and even the way they dressed was sloppy. It was not what I expected. The first three or four months were very poor. I was disappointed with the skill level and the training methods."

The signs are that the heart to heart was a watershed for Richmond. To take a hammering is one thing; to take a hammering from Harlequins is something else altogether. After winning their last six games, Richmond climbed to fifth in the table. "In the professional era a misapprehension is that you have to train and train and train." Pini said. "More is not always better. Players need to peak on a Saturday not a Thursday. Once we addressed a few things the team started to gel and play well. The performances went up by about 100 per cent. My feeling now is that I couldn't have joined a better club."

John Kingston, the Richmond coach, regards Pini as the best full-back in England. Quick and elusive, he is central to the club's attack and will be the first name pencilled onto the team sheet when Richmond play the champions. Newcastle, at their new home, the magnificent Madejski Stadium, near Reading, on Saturday. "This time the attitude is completely different," Pini

Unfortunately for Richmond, Kingston is not the only man who rates Pini and, in an extraordinary development, a player once regarded, briefly, as the best full-back in Australia is about to spend part of the winter playing for Italy and will almost certainly feature in the World Cup qualifier against England at Huddersfield on 22 November.

'I don't know whether I made too many friends. I had something to say and I said it, but I'm not sure many people liked it.'

The Pini clan, as he puts it, originated from Grosio in Lombardo before emigrating to Australia. Pini, who learned rugby as well as Aussie Rules football in Canberra before moving to Brisbane, has two passports, Italian as well as Australian. When he recently played for a side called the Penguins in Croatia, Roy Bish, a former Weish coach, noticed the Italian passport and a phone call to Rome resulted in Pini spending a weekend in Italy with the Italian rugby authorities a fortnight ago.

"The whole thing is amazsee me play and I'd love to play for them. We'll just have to see if they think I'm good enough."

In his early teens, Pini spent weekends playing both RU and Aussie Rules before being capped by the Australian schoolboys and the under-21 side. After moving to Brisbane

made his international debut in the 33-13 defeat of Ireland in 1994. The same season he played for the Wallabies against Italy.

Pini went to South Africa for the 1995 World Cup as Australia's first choice full-back. but was displaced by Matt Burke following the defeat by the Springboks in the curtainraiser in Cape Town.

When Pini subsequently lost his place in the Queensland side - "their coach, in his wisdom, preferred the centre Tim Horan at full-back" - he was going to retire and return to his day job as a plumber. Then the phone rang.

An agent in Brisbane, a friend of Pini's wife Rebecca, told him of a club in England that needed a full-back. Pini rang Bob Dwyer, the former Australian coach who was then

in charge at Leicester. for advice. "I knew nothing about Richmond but, as it happened, Bob said that he was also looking for a full-back so suddenly I had a choice. I opted for Richmond basically because Rebecca's parents were married there and it's close to London.'

With big sponsorship from the American computer giant, the Oracle Corporation, a new state-of-the-art stadium, revitalised squad that promises to work the oracle, and an international career that looks as if it is about to be resurrected at the age of 29, Pini (who is currently learning Italian) says he has no regrets. Well, perhaps one. He and Rebecca, who has

just landed a job as a film producer with Columbia Pictures, had to put their dog Enya, a two-year-old Rottweiler, in kennels near Heathrow air- Burke has signed for Cardiff, ing," Pini said. "Td never given port. "That shook us a bit," Pini the Italian connection a said. "It's a silly law because his half-back partner for the last thought. They're very keen to Australia doesn't have rables. Effectively she served an unnecessary jail sentence but it's good money for somebody."

After paying £300 a month, the Pinis were reunited with "At least it showed Richmond



Burke's broadside for Bristol

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

BRISTOL suffered a body blow yesterday when Paul Burke, their Ireland international flyquarantine for six months at a half, announced he was leaving. where he will be reunited with two years, the scrum-half Robert Jones.

The once shipshape Bristol looked to have hauled themselves clear of the rocks before setting out on the voyage back Enva at their Twickenham into Allied Dunbar Premiership apartment on Christmas Day One Burke had been earmarked for the captaincy and that I was completely com- his skills and nous were rehe played for Queensland and mitted to the club," Pini said. garded as essential if Bristol

were to bounce straight back attitude made my decision very into the top flight.

However, a decision to offer the players contracts only until Christmas - effectively putting them on a four-month trial persuaded Burke to go. Burke, who has scored 103

points in 10 international apformed about the situation with Cardiff, but I was told the club were not in a position to offer me anything other than a fourdid not give me enough security

and I wasn't happy about it. showed in contrast to Bristol's sponsibility for the kicking.

easy. Cardiff are a very big club and want to do well in the British League when it comes about. It doesn't bother me that I will be playing friendlies this season.'

Burke, who joined Bristol two years ago after spells with Cork Constitution and London pearances, said: "I feel let Irish, will be in contention for down. I had kept Bristol fully in- the fly-half berth with Lee Jarvis, but could well feature in tion for at least seven months the opening friendly of the season at Bedford on Saturday.

Burke's departure leaves month, holding contract. That Bristol with no recognised goalkicker and it is expected that the veteran Paul Hull will move "The enthusiasm Cardiff up to half-back and take re-

director of rugby, has now seen a third of last year's side - including the Irish internationals David Corkery and Kevin Maggs, as well as the wing David Trueti - quit the Memorial Ground.

Bob Dwyer, Bristol's new

It is an unhappy time for another Burke, Australia's fullback Matt. He expects to be out of acafter dislocating his shoulder when scoring the winning try during last Saturday's Bledisloe Cup victory over New Zealand. A specialist has told Burke that his right shoulder will need

complete reconstruction. The deadlock between Twickenham and the First Division clubs over the proposed scheduling of the Anglo-Welsh friendlies is expected to be resolved at tomorrow's meeting of the Rugby Football Union's management board. Swansea are to go ahead with Saturday's friendly against West Hartlepool despite being told not to do so by the Welsh Rugby Union.

The South African RFU has appointed Silas Nkanunu as its first black president. The 65vear-old lawver and former Sarfu vice-president was the only nominee for the post vacated by the controversial Louis Luyt in May.

Dixon's

comeback

complete

EQUESTRIANISM

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY

KAREN DIXON, who has made

a gallant fightback after break-

ing a leg and damaging knee lig-

aments last year, has won a

place on the Great Britain

three-day event squad for next

Russians act to ease Moscow safety fears

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS yesterday gave assurances that there will be no safety problems for participants in Saturday's Grand Prix final in Moscow. Their comments came after around 50 leading athletes signed a petition last week calling for the prestigious, end of season meeting to be moved to "a more serene venue" in view of the economic and political crisis enveloping Russia.

The International Amateur world governing body, has in-

sisted the event will go ahead as fluenced by alarmist coverage Stadium. However, it is not clear how many of the 180 athletes will choose to miss the competition.

"I can understand those who expressed safety concerns about coming to Moscow," Valentin Balakhnichev, the president of the Russian athletics federation, said. "But I can assure you and everyone else that personal safety will not be a factor here."

Athletic Federation, the sport's around the world, he said the

planned at Luzhniki Olympic of the Russian crisis. "I have to park," Balakhnichev said.

unpaid bills

Claiming Moscow is safer than many other track venues athletes had been unduly in-

remind you that it was in Atlanta, not Moscow, where during the 1996 Olympics a bomb exploded in the Olympic

He admitted that the economic crisis has caused problems in organising the meeting. On Monday, the electricity and telephones at the federation's offices were cut off because of

The European triple jump champion, Jonathan Edwards, still hopes he can compete for

Johannesburg on 11-13 September despite a heel injury. The Gateshead Harrier will

be one week away from competing in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur but is hopeful of appearing in both.

Mark Richardson has withdrawn from the 400 metres to concentrate on the Commonwealth Games, as has John Mayock from the 1500m. Mayock's place goes to Tony Whiteman who, in turn, is replaced by Neil Caddy in the 3000m.

In the 200m sprint, a knee opthe Great Britain men's team eration has ruled out Doug petitor involved in any sort of

in the IAAF World Cup in Walker with Doug Turner doping activity as from 1 Janstepping in.

The pole vaulter Nick Buckfield has failed to recover from the hip injury he suffered in the European Championships in Budanest and he is replaced by Mike Edwards.

The Romanian Olympic authorities have decided to impose life bans on athletes failing doping tests at meetings or even during training sessions, according to a senior local Olympic official. "The Romanian Olympic

Committee will ban any com-

uary, 1999," the COR vice president, Cristian Gatu, said.

Gatu said the decision. adopted on Monday, would apply to anyone associated with the offence, including athletes. doctors, coaches and man-

"Sport performances have to be a clean activity, something to enable Romanian children to identify with our great Olympic, world, European and national champions," Gatu

Since the fall of communism

thorities have imposed bans of two years to life on 15 world and Olympic medalists. Long distance runners have

been especially hit, including Iulia Negura, Elena Murgoci, Elena Fidatov and Andreea Burlacu. In 1994, two weightlifters were banned for failing tests.

Gatu said the COR would ask Romania's Sports and Youth Minister to issue an order extending the ban to all Romanian national teams. Sport activity cannot be led or determined by external factors in 1989, Romanian athletics au- like drugs," Gatu said.

month's World Equestrian Games. Dixon is the most experienced of the six riders named yesterday, after a succession of problems ruled out all those on the winning team at last year's

European Open Championships. She has already ridden in three Olympics and this will be her third World Games. Dixon will be joined by Kristina Gifford, also a winner at the World Games in 1994. Gary Parsonage's Olympic mount, Magic Rogue, is another great performer across country who has improved in

the dressage thanks to lessons with the Olympic rider, Richard Davison. Polly Phillipps on Coral Cove, Anne-Marie Evans on Dutch Treat and the talented 23-vear-old Jeanette Brakewell on Over to You complete the squad. Chances have been weak-

ened by the absence of the European Championship riders; Mary King (expecting her second child), plus Christopher Bartle, William Fox-Pitt and Ian Stark, whose best horses are sidelined through injury: GB squad, Digest, page 23

Tyson 'restrained' after traffic incident

FORMER WORLD heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was treated and released from a Maryland hospital after a minor traffic accident nearly turned into a fist fight, local police officials said.

Montgomery County police received calls from witnesses after Tyson's green Mercedes, driven by his wife, collided lightly with another vehicle in Gaithersburg, Maryland, on Monday evening.
Police spokesman Derek

Baliles said that callers claimed Tyson "appeared as if he wanted to fight the driver of the other car" and had to be restrained

MOTOR RACING BY DERICK ALLSOP

by his wife and bodyguards travelling in a vehicle behind MICHAEL SCHUMACHER is

him. The other driver was identified only as an adult male. seeking a peace formula with "After everybody cooled David Coulthard today in the wake of their angry confronta-tion at last Sunday's Belgian down, they saw that it was really just a minor traffic accident," he added. Grand Prix.

Police arrived after Tyson had left, but pulled him over a few minutes later. While they were talking with him he complained of chest pains and was taken to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. He was later released. Tyson is awaiting a hearing

Prix, on Sunday week. in Nevada on his application to Coulthard claims he was regain his licence to box, which accused by the Ferrari driver of was revoked after biting Evantrying to kill him when their der Holyfield's ear more than

Schumacher wants to speak

to Coulthard in private at

Monza, where teams are test-

ing, and avert the escalation of

a conflict that could have cata-

strophic consequences at the

next race, the Italian Grand

ship, which was retained by the homeland. Scot's McLaren-Mercedes team-mate, Mika Hakkinen. The race stewards rejected

Ferrari's contention that Coulthard deliberately slowed and caused their driver to run into the back of the McLaren. but Schumacher remains unconvinced. If Coulthard is prepared to shoulder some of the responsibility for the crash. the German will make a public apology for his subsequent

Although Coulthard is adamant he did nothing wrong, he has already said he is willing to discuss the matter "man to man" and realises a political Schumacher the race and the the plight of his team during the it."

leadership of the champion- run up to a race in Ferrari's

Both men will recognise also that, as officials of the Grand Prix Drivers' Association, they are duty bound to set an honourable example.

McLaren are considering what security measures to out in place for the race but a declaration of peace with the Ferrari camp would be the best insurance of all

The fateful coming together on Sunday is still puzzling leading figures in Formula One. Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's impresario, said: "Schumacher is not the type of driver who would normally make a mistake like that. It seemed to me there

Schumacher eyes accord | Stephens looks set to compete at Games

CYCLING

NEIL STEPHENS is expected to take his place at this month's Commonwealth Games despite being kicked out of the Tour de France when his team became

> Union (UCI) yesterday urged national federations to be tough on cyclists thrown out of the Tour. The UCI has told those who had riders implicated in the Tour drug scandal that they had until 13 September to decide on sanctions. The Commonwealth Games start on 11 September, and Stephens has been selected in Australia's road race team. Cycling Australia's chief

had asked the UCI for more information about the Festina case. "Until there are formal charges laid against Neil, really there is nothing we can do," he said. Richard Virenque, a leading

executive, Graham Fredericks,

embroiled in a doping scandal. Richard Virenque, a leading
The International Cycling French rider, has admitted to police investigating the Tour de France drugs affair that he had taken banned medication, despite earlier denying ever having done so.

Francesco Casagrande, the fifth-ranked rider in the world, has been suspended for six months by the disciplinary commission of Italy's professional league because he twice tested positive for banned substances.

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Everton's Short on his way to Forest

BY ALAN NIXON

HITER SMITH, Everton's new mager, is prepared to sell Gaig Short to Nottingham Forest in an unexpected £1.5m deal.

The fee has been agreed by Dave Bassett and only doubts over Slaven Bilic's fitness have prevented the Forest manager, the sold Colin Cooper to Midsbrough, from having talks with the centre-back.

Short, who is out of contract at the end of the season, has been in Smith's side this season. but the arrival of Marco Materazzi from Italy and the return of David Unsworth leaves Everton with plenty of defenders.

land player, who has been out against Angola in Joh of work since leaving Stoke City to concentrate on a court battle with Celtic, has been approached by his friend, Mike McDonald, from the Sheffield United plc board, with an offer to join the club's management.

Macari will be initially on the scouting side, but will also help the manager, Steve Bruce, and the coach, John Deehan. Bruce has been complaining about lack of funds in the transfer market, so Macari's eye for a bargain should be an asset to him.

Macari is still contesting his court case with Celtic, but now has more time to look at football and make a return to the game. Howard Wilkinson has stren-

uously denied he has been approached to coach the South African national team. The South African Football Association's chief executive, Danny fans. He has denied he is to join

Atkinson and the former Brazil coach, Carlos Alberto Parreira, about the role.

But Wilkinson, the Football Association's technical director, insisted that he has not spoken: to anyone about taking over the post vacated by Philippe Troussier after the World Cup finals. "I can say categorically that I have not to my knowledge spoken to anyone who works for, or is associated with, the SAFA since touring the country with Leeds three or four years ago," Wilkinson said.

The former Leeds manager is in Dublin in his role as England Under-18 coach, where his team take on the Irish Under-18s at Tolka Park tonight.

South Africa need to appoint Lou Macari, the former a coach in time for their African Manchester United and Scot-Nations' Cup qualifying match burg on 3 October.

Leicester City are to take disciplinary action against their captain, Steve Walsh, because of his verbal attack on Uriah Rennie, the referee of Saturday's Premiership match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park.

Walsh criticised Rennie after By PHIL GORDON the official had booked seven players and then denied Walsh what he thought was a late penalty following a challenge by the Rovers midfielder, Tim

The former Tranmere Rovers chairman, Frank Corfe, is asking £7m for his 86 per cent shareholding in the Nationwide First Division club. Corfe walked out on the club at the weekend because he was disenchanted by the attitude of



France's President Jacques Chirac yesterday points to a French football shirt after presenting his country's World Cup-winning squad, including the captain, Didier Deschamps (front left) with the Legion of Honour, France's highest civilian award, for their success

AP

Ferguson the Scots' Seedorf

CRAIG Brown is poised to hand Rangers' precocious talent, Barry Ferguson, the leading role for Scotland in the European Championship qualifying match with Lithuania after being told he has the new Clarence Seedorf on his hands.

Any fears that the Scotland coach had about giving the 20year-old midfielder his debut in Vilnius on Saturday were swept away by the glowing testimony he received from Ferguson's

course, in charge of the Dutch national team during the 1994 World Cup finals and believes that Ferguson can make the same impact on the game that Seedorf, the one-time Dutch prodigy, did.

Seedorf was an Ajax player at 16 and had been capped at 17. He helped Real Madrid to win the Champions' League last season and the Dutch to the World Cup semi-finals, yet Advocaat sees his young Scot as a carbon-copy player.

"Dick said to me that Barry Jordaan, said he had spoken to the former Tranmere chair club manager, Dick Advocaat. has similarities to Seedorf,"
Wilkinson as well as Ron man Peter Johnson, at Everton. The Parox coach was, of Brown said, "and is at a similar

stage in development. Seedorf starting," said Brown. "Barry is one of the top players in the has an assurance about him world, so that is some recommendation from his club manager, who spent plenty of time

as Seedorf's coach for Holland." With Blackburn's Billy McKinlay and David Hopkin of Leeds ruled out through injury, and Celtic's forceful midfielder Craig Burley suspended for the opening Group Nine match - serving a two-match suspension for his World Cup red card against Morocco - Ferguson is being prepared for a place in

when he plays and we are looking forward to a good future for him for Scotland."

Ironically, the man who has probably helped the Scotland cause most in the respect of Ferguson is England's Paul Gascoigne. It was only once the stage-hogging Geordie depart-ed Ibrox for Middlesbrough that Ferguson was given the opportunity to flourish in the central playmaker role.

Another midfielder, John the starting line-up by Brown. Collins, sat out training at Ham-"He has a good chance of pden yesterday. The Everton World Cup finals," Brown said.

player has a groin injury and will not join the rest of the squad for a workout until they land in Vilnius tomorrow.

Brown also revealed that veteran striker Ally McCoist is almost certain to start against the Lithuanians, partnering Kevin Gallacher in attack

McCoist, now almost 36, earned a rapid call-up after scoring a hat-trick for his new club Kilmarnock on Sunday against Hearts. "Ally was flying gainst Hearts and now looks to have a fitness he didn't pos-

Double injury trouble for Irish

NORTHERN IRELAND have growing injury problems ahead of Saturday's opening Euro 2000 qualifier against Turkey in Istanbul, having already lost their captain, Steve Lomas, after he damaged his ankle playing for West Ham at Coventry in a Premiership fixture at the weekend.

Darren Patterson, the Dundee United centre-half, is now also unavailable, having injured his neck practising his heading in training on Saturday. The injury caused him to miss Sunday's Scottish Premier League match at Motherwell.

Lawrie McMenemy, the Northern Ireland manager, has called Queen's Park Rangers' Keith Rowland into his squad from the standby list, but Lomas's withdrawal is still likely to be felt, Iain Dowie, the OPR player-coach, is expected to be named captain in Lomas' ab-

Patterson's international career has been relaunched under McMenemy, and the former Luton Town and Crystal Palace defender was disappointed at missing out on the

trip to Turkey.
"Tm absolutely gutted because things have been going so well recently," he said yes terday. "I had worked so hard to get myself back into the squad after my Achilles operation last year.

"I felt I was playing well and for the first time in a while I've been involved in the squads and I was not just there to make up the numbers.

"I had a great chance of starting in Turkey and then this comes along, which is a real nightmare. But it's only a little hiccup and I will be back

The Newcastle United winger, Keith Gillespie, is training with the Northern Irish squad, and is likely to play his first match since April after completing his recovery from his ankle injury.

The Republic of Ireland may meet Northern Ireland over two legs in the near future, with all the proceeds going to the victims of the Omagh bombing

tragedy. The Pootdall Association of Ireland confirmed yesterday that it had been in contact with . ! its Northern Ireland counterpart, the Irish Football Association, about staging the games in Belfast and Dublin. The matches are likely to take place in November and Febru-

The England Under-21 side have been affected by injuries ahead of Friday's opening European Championship qualifier against Sweden in Sundsvall. The Sunderland pair of Michael Bridges and Darren Williams have both withdrawn from the squad because of ankle and groin injuries respectively.

Bierhoff to lead Germany

THE MILAN striker Oliver Bier- years with their Italian tophoffwas named as the new captain of the German national team yesterday.

The German coach, Berti Vogts, told reporters in Malta, where his side is preparing for two friendly matches this week, that Bierhoff would take over from Jürgen Klinsmann, who retired from the international game after this year's World

Bierhoff was top scorer in Italy's Serie A last season with 27 goals. He moved to Milan in

flight rivals, Udinese.

will be subjected to surprise blood and wrine anti-doping tests in the new season, the Italian football federation president. Luciano Nizzola, said yesterday Nizzola made the an-

nouncement after meeting with the Italian Olympic Committee's ruling council, which approved new testing for 10 different soorts.

Meanwhile, Germany's bid

been given a cash bonus with the chancellor, Helmut Kohl, announcing financial backing for Players in Italy's top league efforts to bring east German stadiums up to modern stan-

> Kohl said the cities of Berlin and Leipzig would get 100 million marks (£35m) each to help with renovation and rebuilding projects for their stadiums.

German football officials believe hosting the tournament across a reunited Germany would send a powerful signal of European reconciliation after the close season after three to host the 2006 World Cup has decades of division. "I'm con-

Federation will present a persuasive application to Fifa," Kohl said

The Olympic Stadium in

Berlin and Leipzig's main stadiam are currently far from the standards expected of a modern venue. Berlin anthorities plan a complete overhaul of the Olympic stadium while the Leipzig venue is likely to be totally rebuilt. England, South Africa, Australia and Brazil have all announced their intention to bid for the 2006 World

of the region's soccer writers and experts. Rufer played for New Zealand in the 1982 World Cup fi-

nais in Spain and won a domestic title with Werder Bremen, as well

as spells in Switzerland and Japan, sergells in Switzerland and Japan, sergells in Switzerland and Japan, sergells matches: Belong Reading v Fork, Sec-sellar, Cuest's Park Regists v Barnets, Weisald v Reading (International coll-ups).

Age limit may change vinced the German Football FOOTBALL COULD be given statement issued by the two or- overlap the European football greater prominence in the Olympic Games following a

meeting between Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and Sepp Blatter, president of Fifa, football's world governing body.

Samaranch and Blatter met in Lausanne on Monday with a view to strengthening the bond between the world's two most powerful sporting organisations. Arrangements for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney have already been made, but a joint

SPORTING DIGEST

for football players.

While basketball, tennis and cycling now feature their sports' top professionals in the Olympics, the football competition is restricted to under-23 level, with three over-age players allowed. The statement said that this figure could be increased to five.

The dates on the international football calendar and the Olympics were also under

ganisations said there may be season, further limiting the discussions about the age limit availability of leading players. Fifa has traditionally resist-

ed attempts to make the Olympic competition fully professional, concerned that it would undermine the value of the World Cup. The under-23 framework

was introduced in 1992. The previous three Olympics were restricted to players who had not played in the World Cup. Before that it was strictly amateur and was dominated by Eastern scrutiny. The Games often European nations.

Limping Morgan bows out

SNOOKER

DARREN MORGAN limped out of the European Open in Plymouth yesterday and then admitted: "I must have been off my head to come here."

Morgan, who entered the arena on crutches after being involved in a car accident five weeks ago, lost 5-3 to Tony Knowles in the final qualifying round of the world-ranking event. The former Irish Masters champion sustained a dislocated left hip, badly twisted ligaments, bruised ribs and and injuries in a crash on the

Despite medical advice not to play, Morgan decided not to withdraw from his first match of the season. "With hindsight, I shouldn't have played." he said, clearly in pain as he hobbled from one shot to the next. "I feel like I've been through a mincing machine. Technically I'm not supposed to put any weight on the injury and I should use my crutches all the time. That's why I haven't been able to practise.

"I've probably only put in three hours of practice in total over the past month or so and there's no way you can hope to getaway with that at this level." The world number 22 combreaks of 56, 46 and 75 but ies, who led 3-1 at the midsalan interval, was always in

BASEBALL

Sammy Sosa is again thed with Mark McGwire as the major league's leading home run hitter after helping his side, the Chicago Cubs, defeat the Cholnnati Reds 5-4 on Monday. Sosa and McGwire, who plays for the St Louis Cardinals, are both level on 55 home runs for the season, just six short of Roger Maris's 27-year-old single-season record of 51. MAJOR LEAGUE. Oil White Sox 4 Baltimore 1: Boston 5 Seattle 7: Cleveland 15 Oakland 6: Texas 13 Detroit 2: Minnesota 2 Tampa Bay 1: St Louis 5 Florida 3: Houston 4 Atlanta 3: Chicago Cubs 5 Cinclinati 4: NY Mets 8 Los Angeles 3: San Diego 5 Montreal 2: San Francisco 6 Philadelphia 2 ian Diego 5 M Initadelphia 2

BASKETBALL

London Towers have signed the 6ft 8in power forward Malcolm Leak, who will be in the Towers' line-up this weekend at the Sainsbury's Tournament at Wernbley. The tournament also features FC Porto, Maccabi Tel Awar and Partizan Belstrade. Aviv and Partizan Belgrade. Greater London Leopards have signed two University of New Mexico play-ers: a 6ft 11in Englishman, Ben Baum, and Royce Olney, a point guard. Steve Nelson, tipped as a potential coach of Worthing Bears before they hired On's Pullern, has been re-signed as a player by the Budweiser League club for the coming season.

THOMAS TRYLOR LADRES WATERLOO
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(Hambleton) b.t A Davacod (Heanall) 21-15; L
Prichast: (Birmingham) b.t C Warren
(Heystam) 21-14; J Gallichan (Ham) b.t
McGrame (Unesston) 21-8; J Jones (Hessall)
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(Rossall) br.t V Hambleton (Whate) Bridge 2110; J Whalley (Morecambe) b.t F McMeelen
Blackpool 21-8.

EQUESTRIANISM GREAT BRITAIN THREE-DAY EVENT SOUAD FOR THE WORLD BOXESTHAN GAMES (Pretand del Whero, Rails 1-4 October): I Brakewell (Over to You). K Dison (Too Smart), A-M Evans (Dutch Trees), K Gif-ford (General Jod), G Personage (Magk Rogue) and P Philippa (Coral Cove). Reserves: P Becletz (Watermark III) and N Taylor (The Frenchman II).

BOWLS

The Doncaster Rovers player-man-ager, Ian Snodin, has recruited his brother Glyn from Scarborough to join his coaching team. The former New Zealand striker Wynton Rufer has been voted Ocea-

FOOTBALL

Rangers have agreed to switch their home Vefa Cup tie against their Israeli opponents. Beltar Jerusalem, to Thursday 1 October to avoid a clash with the Yorn Kippur festival and with Celtic's home fixture in the same competition two days beforehand.

Peter O'Malley and Stephen Leaney were named yesterday as Australia's representatives for the World Cup in New Zealand in November. O'Malley, a former Scottish Open champion, was chosen as the highest-placed Australian on last season's Australasian PGA tour. Leaney was offered a place after seven other Australians above him on the world rankings declined to play.

The Duke of York yesterday partnered Lee Westwood at the re-opening of the Brabazon course at The Belfry, which in 2001 will stage the Ryder Cup for the fourth time. Near-Ryder Cup for the fourth time. Nearly £2.5m has been spent on giving the Sutton Coldfield course a facelift and Prince Andrew, a seven-handicapper, took part in a celebrity fourball match against Christy O'Connor Inr and Lord Daresbury, chief executive of Greenhalls Groups, which owns The Belfry. Before the match the Duke unveiled a plaque and said:

"Having the opportunity to christen the remodelled Brabazon course is a true honour. We are looking for ward to coming back in 2001 for the Ryder Cup." The course has been closed since last November for the work to be carried out.

RUGBY LEAGUE Salford Reds have signed Simon Knox, the 25-year-old Cumbrian forward, from Bradford Bulls. Knox, who began his career with Carifish Border Raiders and recently had a seal of the care of this beautiful and a seal of the care of this beautiful and the care of spell on loan at Whitehaven Warriors, has joined Salford until the end of

RUGBY UNION

ansea have confirmed that they will go ahead with Saturday's con-troversial friendly against the Aliled Dunbar club West Hardepool, despite burnoar caro week riarroepool, despite being told not to do so by the Welsh Rugby Union. Swansea, along with Cardiff, recently refused to sign the 10-year. "loyalty" agreements de-manded by the WRU. Swansea now matter will be discussed and decided at a meeting on Thursday," a WRU spokesman, Peter Owens, said. Matt Perry, the Bath and England

new season after failing to recover

WEEKEND POOLS FORECAST

from an injury sustained during a re-cent pre-season tour to France.

SAILING

fornmaso Chieffi steered Eurosia to victory in the second of the five-race series, the Sheraton Trophy Race, at the Swan World Championship in Sardina yesterday. He finished the 32-mile race, which took the 81-boat fleet from Porto Cervo around the Mad-dalena islands of the Costa Smeral-da, just over a minute-and-a-half ahead of the rest of the competition on corrected time. Richard Loftus' Desperado of Cowes was the highest ced British yacht – second overall -as the opening race winner. Stephen Fein, slipped to sboth in Full Pett.

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The second day of racing at the Laser European Championships in Austria was cancelled yesterday due to a lack of wind, leaving Britain's Ben Alnsile in shith place overall; souther work with the shift of the shift work work. Defending the shift work work with Parkin, R Sydenham (68) 3pts, 3 J Maida, E Heinonen, S Iamminen (Fin) 5.7pts. Sanadlaga ahur day one: 1 A Mercers and B Oehler and G Schulz (Ger) Opts; 2 A Beedsworth and B Parkin and R Sydenham (68) 3pts; 3 J Maida and E Heinonen and S Tamminen (Fin) 5.7pts. Collect MART (ST EVA VOUTH MATCH RACING CHAMPHONESHIPS (Landon): (after three days); 1 A Richardson (Nothinghamshire); 2 M Campbel James (E Sussey); 3 S Shaw (Hampionshire); 6 A Dransfield (West Kirkby).

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Dale (Mail) bt M Fi (HiQ 5-1; M Couch (Engl
bt C Smail (Sco) 5-3; L Walder (Mail bt G
Williamson (Engl 5-4; 6 Dott (Sco) bt G Horne
(Sco) 5-3; J Michie (Engl w/o T Murphy (M).

SNOOKER

SPEEDWAY SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Elite League: Poole 56 Eastbourne 34. Premier Laague: Exeter 49 Reading 41: Newport 45 Peter-borough 45; Newcastle 42 Berwick 47.

TENNIS

The Rower Lawn Tennis Association School for leading young players at Bisham Abbey is to close in July 1999. Players and coaches based at the School will be relocated to the UTA Centres of Excellence around the country and Ian Barday, a full-time coach at Bisham Abbey, will become the LTA's technical and tactical consultant. The LTA School was formed In 1983 with four 12-year-old boys, and a girl's section was opened in 1991. With five Centres of Excellence around the country the LTA says the move will allow the top juniors the opportunity to receive the best Coaching closer to their homes.
US OPEN (New York) Man's pingles first rounds G hantseak; (Croe) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-3 6-4 6-4; Thister (Aut) bt A Becasabegui (Sp) 7-5 6-2 6-3; G Kuerten (Br)

TODAY'S NUMBER

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Major League baseball history

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Adams books in under FA 'immunity'

BY GLENN MOORE JUST AS Newcastle and Manchester United now announce developments through the Stock Exchange, the day is surely coming when the Football Association releases news via Waterstones' press office. Yesterday Tony Adams followed Glenn Hoddle into print and, with Teddy Sheringham and Eileen Drewery to come, this is "kids"; and picking Alan Shearer ahead of Adams as captain. rapidly becoming a season of

books rather than bookings. Adams' autobiography is a harrowing description of his

England currently gathered at Bisham Abbey preparing for Saturday's European Champi-Davies, the FA's Director of onship match with Sweden. The Sun inevitably began their serialisation yesterday with the headline "Adams: Hoddle got it wrong". The front-page story went on to detail "Glenn's World Cup blunders" as seen by Adams. These were: humiliating David Beckham in training; encouraging Paul Gascoigne to drink; treating players like

Since Adams remains a key player in the England squad the nature, and especially the timing of these revelations seems Public Affairs, said: "Tony and Glenn have talked together and there is no rift, no problem. Tony is entitled to air his views."

Since Davies is co-author of Hoddle's controversial World Cup diary he could hardly say

This is the problem with the FA's collusion with Hoddle's tome. They are now in a glass house and unable to throw stones. The evenings at England's hotel could now be filled not with card games and videos but the sound of word proces-

intimate of the day's details are committed to print.

Brendan Batson, the Professional Footballers' Association's deputy chief executive, said that after Hoddle's book it is now open season. "Everybody is expressing their views, so why not Tony Adams?"

For Adams, especially, the cathartic desire to cleanse himself through confession, and maybe give someone else the courage to save themselves, are obvious. So, too, are the financial rewards and it is the desire to maximise them which has led, as with Hoddle, to the untimely and over-dramatic tabloid serialisation.

As Bobby Robson, the for- succeeded and will now contest mer England manager, whose with Rob Lee and Ray Parlour own World Cup books were the midfield spot vacated by the suspended David Beckham. comparatively restrained, said yesterday: "Adams is a very im-This follows Hoddle's ap-

portant player and [at training] parent abandoning of his plan to groom Redknapp as a he'll be looking at Glenn, and eeper, a decision the player Glenn will be looking at him. Do is happy to accept. But for inyou need that in your life?" jury, which has struck on sev-One player who has had eral occasions on England plenty of time to write a book is duty, most notably when he was Jamie Redknapp but, in his bringing order to the English midfield against Scotland in case, it would have been about the drudgery of rehabilitation Euro 96, Redknapp would have won far more than his eight after injury. He for sook the opportunity concentrating instead on getting fit after missing England caps. Still only 25 he France 98. To judge by a typicommitted himself this summer to a long-term contract cally composed display against with his club, Liverpool. Now Newcastle on Sunday he has

the emphasis is on looking for-Throughout all the injuries

I never doubted that I would come back. As soon as you do that you are in trouble. It was difficult missing the World Cup but I knew I was not right and you have to look at the longterm, I could have tried to play and done further damage. I would have gone out to France if we'd have made the quarterfinals and I kept in touch even if it wasn't the greatest feeling to be watching. I worked very hard this summer, setting myself goals, and I'm fit now.

"We've started well at Liverpool, we're tighter at the back

which is good as we can go for ward without thinking we could concede a goal at any time."

Liverpool have a strong presence in the England squad with Paul Ince, Steve McManaman and, of course, Michael Owen, "He's dynamite," said Redknapp whose chances of starting in Stockholm are helped by the Antield link. "It's so important to get the ball to him. You can hit a bad ball and the next thing you know he's on to it."

There was more; when it comes to eulogising about Owen, almost anyone in the England squad could fill a book Now there's an idea...

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Lloyd's spin sourness set to rebound

BY DEREK PRINGLE Cricket Correspondent

DAVID LLOYD, England's emotional coach, could be in danger of losing his job after making illjudged comments about the bowling action of Sri Lanka's offspinner Muttiah Muralitharan. Following talks between the Cricket Board of Sri Lanka and the England and Wales Board. in which the Sri Lankans registered their concern, the ECB is to seek an explanation from Lloyd before deciding whether ee, is not being taken lightly. any further action is required.

The comments, made by Lloyd on Sunday evening, referred to what he called Muralitharan's "unorthodox" action and were more innuen- action," Lamb said. do than slander. However, the timing and tone - particularly that what he said was inapthe "I shall be making my views propriate and insensitive, and known in a report to the match senior representatives of the referee" - were the sourest Board will see him at the ear-

followed in the press the fol- with a television presenter very lowing day was not enough, he seriously." then harangued Geoffrey Boycott in the BBC's commentary box. Boycott, asked about his better of him, Lloyd has been views on England's chances in Australia, remarked how Eng- before - in Zimbabwe, two land "might be better off getting a coach who kept his mouth

Lloyd, who says he is looking forward to meeting his bosses, claims he and Boycott were not at loggerheads at all.

Geoff and I had a really good laugh together," he said vesterday. "We even shook hands after our chat."

The version that has reached his superiors suggests otherwise, however, and judging from a statement by Tim Lamb, the ECB's chief executive, the matter, despite being dismissed by the match refer-"David Lloyd's remarks

were his own and not in line with the position of the ECB. which is happy to abide by the ICC's ruling on Muralitharan's

"David has been advised liest opportunity. We are taking Yet if the chastisement that this and his public argument

A passionate man, who tends to let his emotions get the severely reprimanded once years ago, a dressing down apparently administered by chairman Lord MacLaurin himself.

On that occasion, the problem came after England drew a Test they should have won in Bulawayo. Afterwards complaints from the locals, who did not care for Lloyd's comments regarding the home side's tactics of deliberately bowling wide, were followed by his famous "We flippin' murdered 'em," line, which went on to became the clarion call of the

A conscientious and popular coach, Lloyd may have transgressed once too often for the new image-conscious burghers of English cricket.

According to Richard Peel, the ECB's director of corporate affairs: "It is extremely important how the England team and those around them present themselves to the public. As the highest profile manifestation of English cricket they must behave appropriately."

But while there is no doubt that Lloyd behaved inappropriately, the seriousness of his comments rest with their interpretation. Unfortunately he is being judged by those who know him and his private thoughts, which in Lloyd's case is not necessarily a helpful

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> > BY JOHN ROBERTS

finals would give the former

world champion the \$63,970

(around £40,000) she needs to

pass Navratilova's \$20,344,061

Graf will need to improve on

yesterday's form, when she

was taken to three sets in her

opening match against Corina

Morariu, a determined 20-year-

old from Detroit, ranked No 32.

Graf, a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 winner, may

vent her frustration after mak-

ing so many unforced errors –15

of them in the second set - on

her second-round opponent,

Marlene Weingartner, an 18-

year-old German qualifier,

brisk start, although her

progress through the opening

set was interrupted when she

lost her serve in the fourth

Graf, the No 8 seed, made a

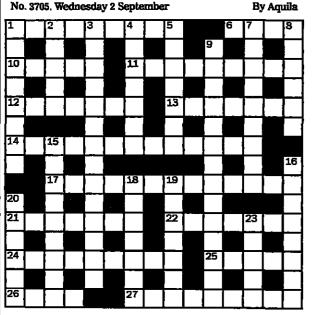
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at Flushing Meadow



Monica Seles powers through the first round in New York with a straight-sets victory over Florencia Labat of Argentina

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game. Morariu, although un-able to save the set, adjusted her sunglasses and attacked every ball in the second set.

Graf, overhitting a backhand to lose serve to love for 2-4, had SHE MIGHT have had money troubles, but Steffi Graf is only an opporunity to recover the break in the next game, but three wins from overtaking again failed on the backhand. Martina Navratilova as the biggest prize earner in the this time returning serve. women's game. A place here in the United States Open quarter-

Morariu, serving at 5-3, failed to convert her first set point, hitting a forehand over the baseline from a Graf return at 40-15, but made amends with a backhand down the line on the second opportunity.

Taking a set from the fivetimes US Open champion was as far as Morariu went. Graf, although double-faulting on her first game point in the third set, was not troubled after breaking to love in the second game.

While one is inclined to symnathise with Graf's compatriot, Weingartner, in the second round. Graf will have to be wary if she then finds herself facing Mirjana Lucic in round three.

make the most of competing without the influence of her father. "It is the first time in my life that I really enjoy tennis,' the 16-year-old Croat said after defeating Kristie Boogert, of the Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2. Lucic, who left her father,

Graf stumbles over first hurdle

Marinko, to come to the United States, accusing him of physically and mentally abusing her, is based at the Nick Bollettieri tennis acadamy in Florida. "I was telling people before that I was enjoying myself and that I was feeling great," she said. "Obviously it wasn't like that. There were a lot of things going on for a lot of years. Mentally and physically I couldn't handle that any more."

Although her opening performance was uneven, chiefly because of a lack of match practice, Lucic was evidently pleased to be on the court. "My mother, sisters and two brothers were with me today, and I just feel the happiest in the

Win or lose, Lucic intends to world," she said. "Every point points and the chairman said: when I looked at them they gave me a sign of support. Players should have a coach, or sparring partners, whoever But from their parents, their family, they should only get the best support. I am here to play my tennis and to try to forget the bad things."

Marinko Lucic, in a letter to a Zagreb newspaper, denied beating or mistreating Mirjana as a reaction to poor tennis results. "I never used excessive force," he wrote, "and if I did give her the occasional slap, it was because of her behaviour. I did what I believe was best for my child.

Monica Seles began her campaign on Monday night with a win against Florencia Labat, of Argentina, 7-6, 6-2, after ringing the bell to start an ominous day of trading at the

New York Stock Exchange. Teased about destroying the stock market, Seles said: "Oh, stop it! When I left it was at 43

of the Spanish players." How much help the court will be to Agassi, the No 8 secd, remains to be seen. The Las Vegan does not lack confidence. "I think I can play better here than I have played all summen" he said. "This is a city that has created some incredible memories for me. This is a court that-

'Oh, you brought the stock mar-

ket up'. I am not sure he wants

first set against Labat, raising

her game to win the tie-break

without dropping a point. "I was

probably a little bit nervous,

the Frenchman Sebastien

Grosjean 6-4, 6-1, 6-4, added to

the number of of comments

about the speed of the Stadium

Court. "It's 42 per cent quick-

er than last year," Agassi said,

evidently with an eye for detail.

"There are a lot of guys out

there that are going to like this

court. Pete [Sampras] is going

to like it, [Pat] Rafter is going

to like it. It is going to help any-

body who likes the ball a little

bit lower. It's going to hurt a lot

Andre Agassi, who defeated

Seles survived a difficult

me back.

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BY OLIVER SWANTON

The mall that ate Manchester

ridges had decided to open a second store - outside London. Despite the recent success of Harvey Nichols in Leeds city centre, they plumped for a £600m out-of-town shopping mail the Trafford Centre in Greater Manchester But so far the launch has not gone quite to plan. All Selfridges needed was an opening party designed to create a splash in the media. A well known local manabout-town - and no stranger to the tabloids - Simply Red's Mick Hucknall, was invited as star guest. In no uncertain terms, he told them to bugger off. This did not provide the kind of headlines Selfridges had

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Hucknall, it transpires, is no fan of out-of-town shopping: "invariably a planning error". He fears for the future of the city-centre mall - where he has interests in a bar and a hotel, "A city centre is about the buzz of people and great buildings; the Trafford Centre is about the supremacy of Mammon and bad

taste." he said. Speaking from her London office, Selfridges' marketing manager, Nicola Lloyd, declared that she was not responsible for the hiccup. Selfridges had not invited Hucknall to the party in the first place. Somebody was causing mischief, spinning a non-existent story to their own advantage. She asked: if during my travels I happened upon those responsible, could I let her know?

The battle lines have been drawn. In the blue corner, Peel Holdings, multi-million-pound development company, owner of "The Mall". In the red corner, a raging band of small traders from across the North-west, united in fear of bankruptcy, Harsh words are their regular currency. Do not believe the public proclamations of peace. The market economy takes no prisoners. It's time to put up or shut up.

No one really knows how much business The Mall will swipe from surrounding towns when it opens on 10 September. Five and a half million people live within 45 minutes' drive - congestion allowing. The management expect 30 million visitors a year to spend £13bn in its three miles of shops. An impact study commissioned by local towns calculates that the initial "deflection rates" will be as high as 27 per cent for nearby Altrincham and Stockport. Even socalled "boom towns" as far away as Warrington and

fter 90 years in business Self- Wigan will see a fall in business of more than 20 per cent, the report warns. A spokesman for Peel Holdings dismissed the figures. "The Mall will bring in shoppers from as far away as Birmingham and Newcastle, which can only be good news. The Mall and local towns will prosper together."

In any economic climate the spectae of a 27 per cent downturn is devastating. At the moment, on the edge of a possible recession, it's simply unworkable. The small traders have banded together to form a unique consortium covering 27 towns. They've pooled their resources and have a budget of £1.5m to spend on promotion and advertising. This being the Nineties, they've also enlisted the services

of a public relations firm. The campaign has all the hallmarks of the Buy British crusade of the Sixties: sure, go and have a peek, but when you're done gawping, remember your local town centre. Remember that home is where the heart is. Town centres are the life blood of the community. Dependable souls running independent shops, restaurants and pubs are what make Britain what it is.

Cynics laugh. It's a head-to-head affair of David and Goliath proportions – and David, it seems, has misplaced his sling. The Mall specialises in designer names and is aimed at the upper end of the market. Shell suits are not welcomed; this is a place to see and be seen - a place to preen, to show off your Sunday best. The positioning appeals to the Northwest's new cosmopolitan air and - more important - to its ever-increasing disposable income. It is so appealing in fact, that The Mall's value has already increased by £150m - and that's before a single item has been sold.

Inside The Mall there is impressive attention to detail. As I tour the split-level walkways my eve is directed to the "real" gold leaf atop pillars, to the frescos hand-finished by art students, to a two-ton pronze cast of New Orleans jazz musicians "especially commissioned by the Chairman", to the "real" trees and ivy, the marble finished toilets, the glass central dome "bigger even than St Paul's".

The Mall is certainly flash: big, brash and truly

American in its style and dimensions. But no attention to detail will transform it into anything other than a shopping centre. To get waylaid by gold leaf and frescos is to ignore its true genius: the food hall. News of The Mall's three miles of shops caused

open rebellion among husbands and boyfriends with-

Everything about the Trafford Centre is on an epic scale. With

three miles of shops,

it cost £600m and

expects 30 million visitors a year.

But it will also

devastate thousands

of small traders and

shops in 27 towns. And the AA is already

warning commuters

to avoid the area.

Forever.

Welcome to the

pleasure dome

in 45 minutes' drive. The prospect of being dragged around by the missus, screaming kids in tow, put the fear of God into their hearts. Bank holidays would never be the same again.

So The Mall is being marketed as an entertainment and leisure Mecca. As well as poaching some of their top staff, Peel Holdings have learnt some invaluable lessons from Sheffield's out-of-town Meadow Hall. To compete for attention they must offer something unique, something that makes the trip worthwhile.

The food hall is a gargantuan tribute to the Las Vegas casino Caesars Palace, where the ceilings of a fantasy Italian piazza turn from dawn to dusk every 20 minutes. While the missus shops till she drops, husbands and boyfriends can sit in the Ye Olde Arms

and gaze at 28,000 "stars" twinkling in the "sky".

As well as all the obvious fast-food joints, the food hall boasts "proper" restaurants and bars in different round-the-world themed areas. There's also a 20screen multiplex cinema, a bowling alley, an £8m indoor sports complex, and a hotel licensed until 3am. The management hope it will draw as many night-time revellers as it does shoppers. How can the surrounding towns possibly compete?

Well, all may not be lost. A gag currently doing the rounds is that the bumper cars in The Mall's leisure centre will be travelling faster than the traffic on the M60 and M63. The AA has already started issuing warnings to commuters and haulage companies: avoid the area like the plague - for ever.

The Mall pre-dates not only the Government's Transport White Paper, but also the last four years of "new" thinking about out-of-town shopping. There was no public transport provision attached to the development, and the expected chaos is not going to establish a loyal customer base - something of which the management are acutely aware. There will be provision for 120 buses a day, they say. But sitting in your car on the motorway is bad enough; sitting on a crowded bus is out of the question. Not even the most hardened shopsholic is going to be happy about wasting valuable leisure time sucking in exhaust fumes - not when they can simply go to town.

Yet Manchester has a burgeoning public transport infrastructure. Though they are hardly a new concept, its trams are the toast of Brussels - which helped to fund them. The are clean, fast, efficient and profitable, and Mancunians love them. So

where's the tram to The Mall? Well that depends on whom you ask.

Peel Holdings say that they've put £23m on the table. Raising the remainder of the £69m required for the project will be child's play. Surely any operating company worth their salt can see that it'll

be profitable? With six additional stops, it will also revitalise a depressed area. The Passenger Transport Executive is dragging its feet because of a bad case of sour grapes, they add. The Mall has been 14 years in the making. After a severely drawn-out planning enquiry - second only to that of Heathrow's Terminal 5 - the Secretary of State finally approved the project, only to have the opposing local authorities challenge the legal validity of his decision. It went all the way to the House of Lords, and the

opposition are still bitter. Not so, says the Passenger Transport Executive. For starters, there's only £3m already on the table. The other £20m is subject to approval for another Peel Holdings shopping complex. To attempt to turn a judicial matter into a political one is tantamount to corruption. Rochdale and Eccles have been waiting for more than a decade. These lines will add more than £100m to the local economy - public money well

play, where is it? Given the amount of money it has already made – and is going to make – why can't Peel Holdings stump up? By the way, it owns the land through which the trams will travel, and will make even more

spent. If the missing private investment is child's

money if it opens. The ball's in its court. Only someone with John Prescott's weight is going to be able to step into this impasse and bang some heads together. In the meantime The Mall is doing the North-west the world of good. It's given councillors, businessmen and town centre managers the kick up the pants that they've deserved for years. It's stopped the bickering and forced 20 years' worth of planning out of the back room and on to the drawing-board.

Revamp or die. With a deadline of 2002, when the region is due to host the Commonwealth Games, new building projects are zipping upwards. Perversely, the IRA bomb that ripped the heart out of Manchester city centre has given the development

plans an even stronger focus. The skyline is dramatically changing, and the Mick Hucknalls of this world are already benefiting from investments in new enterprises.



Tax and poverty

Sir: It is a relief to read that the Fabian Society has a Commission on Taxation and Citizenship which intends to shift the debate about taxation off the Thatcherite terrain where taxation is a form of theft of income rightfully belonging to individuals ("Tax and win, say Fabians", 1 September). That propagarda has resulted in the rich getting substantially richer and the poorest experiencing a real reduction in their incomes and life expectancy since about 1985.

The costs to the taxpayer of social dislocation, ill health and the decline in average reading standards, unexplained by teaching methods, in deprived areas of our cities is immense. An income which cannot provide an adequate diet is no platform for a good education.

The poor in the UK need more money. The question is how much is enough. The Commission should consider the adequacy of benefits and minimum income for the unemployed and low paid. This requires research which will carefully measure the cost of nutrition and diet, fuel, clothing and transport, recreation, social cohesion and inclusion, before housing costs, which need separate treatment. Policies for minimum incomes can be built which should never be reduced by any government policy, such as taxation.

In considering taxation and citizenship, measuring adequate minimum incomes should be the starting point for the Fabian Society commission. The Rev PAUL NICOLSON Zacchaeus 2000 Trust Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire

Sir: Successive British governments have paid and continue to pay untold billions to force millions to sit idle watching daytime television, to encourage farmers to produce uneatable beef. to distort the housing market, to destroy irreplaceable scenic beauty with redundant roads, and to buy seemingly inexhaustible numbers of nuclear missiles (which, one fervently hopes, will never be used).

If Lord Plant, chair of the Fabian Society Commission on Taxation and Citizenship, (Comment, 1 September) or anyone else, wishes to persuade taxpayers that the Government needs more of our money (and I am agog at Lord Plant's apparent belief that government money is not taxpayers' money - or is it an official Fabian Society tenet that money grows on trees?) then first of all the Government should make sure that it properly uses the money it already gets. ALASTAIR MEEKS London SE13

The myth of Diana

Sir: One year after the passing of Diana, Princess of Wales, there are still people who insist on denying reality. The shrine put up by Mohamed al-Fayed at Harrods and his rantings about a curse (report, 1 September) is evidence of this.

As tragic as it was, it seems obvious that the Princess died in an accident caused chiefly by a drunk and out-of-control driver. The garish Harrods monument just perpetuates the cult that a minority of people are drawn to. Worse yet, it seems to push some people into believing they know what the future would have held -Diana and Dodi together in a perfect marriage. All this based on a barely month-old holiday romance.

You report that some people see the Royal Family as hiding from the public at Balmoral for the anniversary. It is the people who make such an accusation that are hiding from reality. They need to be reminded how many years the Royal Family have gone to Balmoral for holiday during August and September.

The people who say such things claim to have the best interests of Princes William and Harry in

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In the third of our series on tourism in the capital, an open-topped bus tour passes Lambeth Palace

John Voos

frequently) I should have to

subject under discussion.

indicate everything I do in that

sector, bearing in mind that I have

listed my interests in the Register.

Here was a debate on energy

policy in which important issues

were raised and which had a

constructive response from the

minister, Lord Clinton-Davies. And

all you chose to do was to seek to

demonstrate (unsuccessfully) that

I had somehow failed to reveal my

continuing interest in the energy

Birds in the hedge

magpies (Mike Donovan, letters,

29 August) and others will blame

populations. But without a place

for birds to feed or breed these are

Careful observation of local

our own makes it clear to me that

Many hedges are cut far too

finches have fledged or too late in

March when thrushes are already

secluded nesting sites. This forces

the use of exposed sites which are

The constraints imposed by

cropping patterns and the need to

keep roadside hedges pared back

still leave countless miles which.

winter and in alternate years, can

provide abundant habitat and food.

with sensitive management

MARTIN HUGHES-JONES

Sampford Peverell,

including cutting in mid or late

sitting. They are cut too often to

allow fruiting plants to provide

food or for foliage to provide

open to predation.

thoughtless hedge cutting is a

early in July or August before

major factor in bird decline.

Devon hedges and management of

domestic cats, squirrels or birds of prey for the decline in bird

Sir: Some blame crows and

priorities!

DEREK EZRA

House of Lords

(Lord Ezra)

London SW1

distractions.

sector. A sad commentary on press

I mention what is relevant to the

mind, yet by their own statements they deny these young men any

This summer, I spent five weeks in the United Kingdom and found that everyone I asked, while shocked at the Princess's death. was more than ready to put it behind them and had tired of the continual media hype surrounding it. The views of the majority in Britain continue to go unheeded. CHET CUTICK Staten Island, New York, USA

More TV is worse

Sir: When will those with a hidden agenda stop trying to fool us that in the media "more" means more choice and a better service for the

We first learnt that it doesn't in multi-screen cinemas. "Oh good," we thought, "six screens to choose from, so we outside London will get the Woody Allen films as well." Try seeing The Castle or The Spanish Prisoner this week outside London - it's Armageddon or Lost in Space at two screens

each for the third week running. The same applies to television. The more channels there are, the more alike the programming. because they all want to make shows that are cheap and massively popular (rather than moderately successful). There are entire nights now in which peak time is wall-to-wall soaps, docusoaps or formula sitcoms starring ex-soap actors.

And Peter Bazalgette (Podium, 31 August) wants to pretend that it is all somehow very democratic that we "the people" are at long last having our say and should be freed from the "snooty regulation" of regulatory institutions. In support of this he argues that we do not sell enough of our programmes overseas, so they cannot be very good.

Sales are not an indicator of quality, but of cost. Good-quality television costs money to make,

unlike the talk show trash which exploits the vulnerability of ordinary people. If we must go down this road, let us at least be honest about it - what drives the programme makers is the need for profit, delivering fragmented audiences to hungry advertisers at minimum cost. **GILL JEFFORD**

Thome, Oxfordshire

Sir: Whatever faults listeners and viewers of the BBC complain about, the Beeb will always completely refute them. Someone with an enormous handle will be wheeled out. Today (Right of Reply, 31 August) it is the Deputy Chief Executive of BBC News. My word, we are impressed. No more Heads of this and that but Chief **Executives, Deputy Chief**

Chief etc?). But the steady increase in glitches continues - no tape, wrong

Sir: The North Korean military

must be terribly upset. They

time and money developing a

ballistic missile system, only to

find that a weather balloon can

weather instruments and not a

evade the combined air forces

of Nato. It is lucky that the

Sir: I beartily agree with the

piece on racism ("Political

correctness has not gone

nearly far enough yet", 26

absurd. The doctrine is

thought is so completely

August), but to make political

correctness into a shibboleth is

characteristically defended by

those who believe that human

determined by interest-group

that we can have no genuine

substance of Ken Livingstone's

balloon is only carrying

bomb. Or nerve gas. Or

MARK SIMPSON

Birmingham

anthrax.

tape, wrong microphone, radio car not working, sports and weather by phone instead of land line or better. Broadcasting House full of suits but no broadcasters. Send out another title to assure us that this is what we really want. JOHN RUSKIN Complete Dictator of Cat Feeding and Litter Tray Scraping Wombwell, South Yorkshire

Peers' interests

Sir: On 10 August you published two articles alleging that "top peers" were "hiding paid interests"; I was mentioned among others. The allegation against me is that, even though I have included all my energy interests in the House of Lords Register, in a recent debate on energy policy I clear terms". Even if this were correct, it is a far cry from "hiding

Lords that I have been connected for over 50 years with the energy industry. That is the reason why I was brought into the House of Lords; it is the subject on which I am most knowledgeable and it is one on which my party has invited me to speak. I believe that the recent debate

It is well known in the House of

on energy policy referred to in your articles was one which I initiated on 14 June. In this I specifically stated that I was involved in the Nottingham Energy Partnership, a joint venture with the City Council to promote improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in emissions. Many would approve of such a venture, including possibly your newspaper.

I am also active in other energy me, as you seem to contend, that every time I speak on energy in the House of Lords (which is

IN BRIEF

have just spent vast amounts of imaginative sympathy with those whose race, codes, or beliefs differ from our own. It is an attempt to solve by behaviouristic means a problem which is clearly cognitive. STEVE THORN

> Sir: In your leading article on paedophiles (24 August) you

people cannot be detained if the prison authorities and police feel they are still a danger to the public. You seem here to be advocating what, in any other context, you would see as a police state. This cannot be the right solution. BRIAN TAYLOR Salisbury, Wilts

stock market will affect the value of private pension schemes for those retiring at this time. This adds credence to the demands of pensioners. Convention, that a basic state their remaining years with dignity and independence, is

science fiction stories written this century, like James Blish's "A Case

Not aliens to Jesus

Sir: John Walsh thinks it ludicrous

concepts of sin and salvation might

apply to any intelligent non-human

species the universe may happen

The concern is not as he appears

to contain. ("I say there, are you

to believe, new. Some of the best

absolved?". 31 August).

that organised religion should bother itself about whether or not

of Conscience", have explored just these questions. But in any case, Mr Walsh's desire to poke fun at clerical small-mindedness misses the point. To ask how other intelligent species might relate to Christ is not to look for potential new (if oddly shaped) burns on pews. It is to ask whether the values which give meaning to human existence, and which have been embodied for our culture in the story of Jesus – love, trust, truthtelling, compassion, lorgiveness, self-sacrifice - have universal validity. If there are other minds and hearts out there, do they suffer as we suffer, hope as we hope, and if so, might we one day try to understand and befriend each other.

Christianity is built on the premise that, despite the bloodiness of experience and the miseries we endure, life is worth living, because our faltering loves and attempts at virtue are not self-deception, but a reflection of the fundamental structure of reality, what Dante called "the Love that moves the Sun and the other stars". That may of course be a mistake, but it is neither silly nor ignoble. I have no idea whether or not we are alone in the Universe: but if we are not, is it really so foolish to hope that such thoughts may have occurred to other minds, and that we might find more in common with living beings from other worlds than is suggested by the hateful clawed monster in the picture chosen to illustrate Mr Walsh's article. EAMON DUFFY DD Reader in Church History in the University of Cambridge Magdalene College Cambridge

Victims of sanctions

Sir: John Spellar, Under-Secretary for Defence (letter, 29 August) is playing with words when he states that Security Council Resolutions exempt from sanctions against Iraq "supplies intended strictly for medical purposes" and "essential for civilian needs".

The British representative in the Security Council has constantly abused the words "strictly" and "essential" beyond their intended meaning and objected to the purchases of pencils, water filters, tractors, pesticides, sutures. anaesthetics, spare parts for cars and buses, sanitation equipment. and most recently oil installations equipment. We have had enough of political jargon from British officials trying to justify the harm being inflicted on the Iraqi people. New Malden. Surrey

Coalfield turmoil

Sir: DS Hoskins offers an inaccurate account of the Rhondda troubles of 1910 (letter, 31 August). There was a riot in Tonypandy

on 8 November 1910 when one miner (Samuel Rays) died following clashes with the police. The Home Secretary, Winston Churchill, had ordered hundreds of Metropolitan policemen to South Wales, where miners were on strike over a wage claim. Following the riot soldiers were sent to the coalfield.

According to the Times correspondent there was in the Rhondda "the same oppressive atmosphere that one experienced in the streets of Odessa and Sebastopol during the unrest in Russia in the winter of 1904. It is extraordinary to find it here in the British Isles." The strike lasted until October 1911, when hunger forced a return to work. The parallel with Margaret Thatcher's 1984 assault on "the enemy within" is clear TONY HEATH

Brecon, Powys

naid interests".

Bromley, Kent

Sir: Anne McElvoy asks "Are the Tories dving out?" (Comment, 24 August). We are reassured that they are "alive and well and sitting on the government benches" (Letters, 28 August). Is this why we have such an ineffectual opposition? KRMITCHELL Northamptonshire

find it extraordinary that

Sir: The present losses in the led by the National Pensioners pension, linked to earnings and sufficient for pensioners to live

CLIFFORD FULLER Gloucestershire Pensioners Forum. Gloucester

'What does that mean?"

"In Russia nobody can be pres-

At this point. Yuri winked at me

dollars, naturally." At this point Yuri's glance fell on the newspaper on the table, showing impoverished Russians lining

ings, and I will swear tears came

"You feel sorry for them?" "I? Not at all, my friend. I merely feel nostalgic. These queues are ueues like the queues we had in the old days. Ah, we had good queues under Communism!

"Do you know, when Princess Diana died, I actually went to join the queues to sign the book of condolence, not because I cared about her death but because I wanted to do some proper queuing again. Barman! Two more Yeltsin Surprises, please!"

Why are they called that?" remember how many they have

More from my friend Yuri anon.

Barman! Give us two more Yeltsin surprises, please!

person about the Russian economy or indeed almost as puzzled as Bill Clinton about it - I decided to seek expert advice from my financial adviser so that I could pass it on to you. I could not go to a better person than my personal financial adviser. My financial adviser is called Yuri Fedorov. He is a Russian financial adviser. I do not mean that he advises me on Russian finance (all he has ever said to me on the subject is: "Never invest in Russia and sell all your roubles now if you have got any") but that he is a Russian who took up financial advising when he escaped to the

As a result. I have made a vast fortune by acting on his advice. Not just from share tipping, but from buying and selling second-hand nuclear devices, good-as-new uranium, oranges, left-footed shoes, things like that. But this time it was merely academic advice I

"Tell me, Yuri," I asked him when I tracked him down to the Old Chernobyl Wine Bar in the City where he likes to relax after a hard day's advising, "tell me the truth about the Russian economy. We in the West do not understand what is going on.' You in the West understand

very little about Russia," said Yuri. "Sometimes I am not sure myself. If someone had said to me 10 years ago that one day there would be a adline saying: Moscow Stock Exchange jitters affect New York Dow Jones index' - well, I would have said he was mad. Moscow Stock Exchange, indeed!"

And here Yuri roared with laughter and made a sign to the barman to serve us two more Yeltsin "Yes, who would have said that

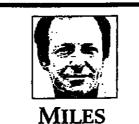
the ultimate triumph of Communism was to defeat capitalism from the inside? Who would have said that we would have joined you and then beaten you?'

"You have not defeated the West yet. After all, Russia itself is in very poor shape. It seems to be run entirely by the Mafia.' "My friend," said Yuri, swaying slightly, There is no Mafia in Rus-

sia. You will find no Sicilians in

Moscow. There are only home-

grown Russian crooks. We have ways had them." "Did you have them under Communism, these unscrupulous, get-rich-quick merchants?"



KINGTON Who would have

thought that communism would defeat capitalism from the inside?

"Sure we did," said Yuri. "They were called the Kremlin." He roared at his own joke again,

then grew very serious in the Russ-"Russia and America are two

very different places, as Bill Clinton will find. For instance, in America, anyone can be President...." "And in Russia?"

ident." "Why not ?" "Because Boris Yeltsin has got the job."

loudly: Does Boris Yeltsin know what he is doing? Most people in the West feel he is out of control, or per-

haps sloshed on vodka." Well, if he is sloshed on vodka, he is at least on the same wavelength as most of his countrymen. But I believe he does know what he is doing. I think he

is trying Communism back to vain hope of retrieving their sav-

"In the great days of Communism everyone had a job and got paid, but there was nothing to spend one's money on. "Nowadays, everyone has a job

and there is plenty to spend one's money on. However, nobody gets paid any more.

"My theory about Boris Yeltin's refusal to resign is that he too has not been paid his salary for months, maybe even years, and he is just waiting for his wages. If Bill Clinton wants him to go, all he has to do is make up his back pay. In

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The clear lesson of this global turmoil: we need the euro

WHATEVER ELSE it might do, the current Russian crisis makes European monetary union all the more enticing. Whether it makes it easier is another question.

It is not a question that was answered yesterday by the Council of the new European Central Bank meeting in Brussels. Like their global counterparts meeting in Jackson Hole, Kansas last week, the central bankers of Europe have learned that, when there are crises, it is best to stay mum, lest anything they say be taken down in evidence and used by the traders against them.

To be fair, the bankers probably don't know very much more than the rest of us. On the one hand it could be argued that Russia's problems can only serve to make the necessary convergence of Continental economies that much more difficult. It hits Germany disproportionately more than other countries and threatens to still the German-led economic revival on which the euro was supposed to float. If the Germans were finding it difficult before this crisis to accept the degree of subsidy necessary to help other countries into the euro, think what they will say now.

On the other hand, the stability of a common currency becomes all the more attractive, especially to the Germans, when there is greater instability to the east. In so far as this is, for the moment, primarily a crisis in the financial markets, then continental Europe, which has relatively less developed equity and bond markets than Asia, America or the UK, should be less affected. If Germany is indeed more restrained than the other EU members, it may make convergence actually easier.

The issue is less divergence of effect - a lessening factor in the global marketplace - than how to respond as a whole. If the world, and its major economies, are really threatened with recession now, or at least a slowdown in growth, the euro can undoubtedly help.

For a start, the very fact of the preparations for the new currency are creating their own momentum. It may be that the timing, at the very moment when banks and institutions have to cope with the millennium bug, is less than perfect. It may be that the general economic circumstances are unhelpful. But the political determination to see this leap into the dark undertaken on time and with as large a group as possible has induced considerable investment and activity in its own right that will serve well if the engines of growth slow elsewhere.

At the same time the concentration on convergence and common economic decision-making should help hold



Europe together under pressure, despite the temptation for each country to go its own way The euro project has developed so far in an atmosphere of recovery. It will do its architects no harm if they have to remodel it to withstand reverses and markets that go down as well as up. There is a strong case now for a general global reduction in interest rates to counterbalance recession without reigniting inflation. A co-ordinated European response, helped along by the European Central Bank, could be a key factor. .

As for Britain, its position remains a peculiar one half in, but apart from the euro and its policy decisions. Like the rest of Europe, and like the US, the Bank of

England now needs to think of lower rates not higher. But unlike the rest of Europe we have an internationally-traded currency which is thrown about by financial upsets in the rest of the world with no regard for the domestic economy. The worst thing that could happen to us now would be for uncertainty over the euro and an American slowdown to result in a soaring pound.

Which is why cannot sit on the sidelines forever, or even for now. The one lesson of the latest turmoil is that the idea of independent economic policy-making is a thing of the past. Whether we like it or not, we are part of a global system in which the euro is now the most important new dimension.

Terror laws that could backfire

GERRY ADAMS' statement yesterday declaring an "end to violence" in Northern Ireland is good news indeed. It marks not just Sinn Fein's formal and explicit commitment to giving up the gun but it also clearly gets the whole peace process publicly back on track after the tragedy of Omagh. It is now possible - even more so perhaps with President Clinton's visit this weekend - to start talk of decommissiong, to urge David Trimble to respond in kind and, above all, to isolate the extreme elements of republicanism and unionism that wish to continue the battle with the bomb.

In which case even more one can ask why the antiterrorist legislation being put before Parliament today. The Prime Minister would argue that it makes the process of isolation even more effective. But this hurried bill amounts to an attack on human rights that is likely to inflame the very situation it seeks to control. Ministers say they are attacking only the rights of terrorist suspects, such as they are. It has named four organisations at whom the legislation is to be targeted to avoid the charge of blanket civil rights abuse. And yet two of the organisations in question - the Real IRA and the Continuity IRA-have only come to prominence very recently. How do we know there will not be others equally deserving of the Home Secretary's attention very soon? Will he just keep adding to the list?

The Government is to give the courts power to seize the assets of terrorists as they already can for drug dealers. But the comparison is fatuous. Drug dealers' often opulent lifestyles are funded from the huge profits earned from illegally selling drugs, so there is a logic in stripping them of their possessions. Terrorists are not driven by money, but by fanaticism.

And what of the consequences of seizing someone's home? Even terrorists have families and it is wrong to punish the innocent for something their father, husband or wife has done - always assuming you get the right suspect. This legislation deserves to be effectively opposed. Let's hope backbenchers and the House of Lords seize the opportunity to enforce a saner view.

And finally...

BONG! SO News at Ten may be abolished ... Bong! How dreadful. Nothing reassuring in the background while we make the tea between the first and second parts of the Bond movie. Bong! Never mind. There was never much news on it anyway. And finally... why don't we have a moment's pause to think about this sweeest picture of a rabbit from Tonbridge Wells on crutches?

It wasn't free enterprise that failed Russia, but the leaders of the West

THE AMERICAN media are already devoting pages to the debate "who lost tials were impeccable. He had written Russia?" The truth is, no one at the highest levels of the US or UK goveroments really wanted to save it. In fact the strategy of the main Western I asked him about the composition of institutions has been to systematically tear apart their old adversary in the East. With the collapse of the USSR, Bush and Major saw the chance to leave Russia permanently weakened. Ruthlessly, they took it.

When the Soviet Union collapsed the decisiveness of the right was not matched on the left. Indeed, many on the left regarded the appalling Boris Yeltsin as thoroughly good news. Anything had to be better than Stalinism. Socialism has spent the best part of a decade in a state of confusion, because so many mistook a very bad thing for a very good thing. That is why the crisis of wild unfettered Russian capitalism is not a crisis confined to the right.

Whilst the left floundered, Yeltsin was taking IMF and World Bank advice to introduce the most hard-line fundamentalist version of free market capitalism. This was a grand assetstripping exercise. Don't worry, we were told - this is just the inevitable early stage of capitalism, like America's robber barons, or British corruption under Walpole.

These assurances ring hollow today. From a world superpower, the former Soviet Union was being transformed into a Third World country.

There always were alternatives. In 1993 I attended a conference of Russian trade unions, and I was introduced to the Speaker of the Russian Parliament, Rusian Khasbulatov, effectively the second most powerful figure in the country's vast political system.

Khasbulatov's reforming credenthe appeal read out by Boris Yeltsin from a tank when leading the opposition to the August coup of 1991. When the Russian parliament, he told me. "There are more Keynesians than either monetarists or communists. We want something like the European Economic Community between Russia and other former republics of the USSR, with a central bank and central economic institutions but with the different republics maintaining their sovereignty" The more I spoke to Khasbulatov the more I realised that his economic policy was somewhat to

the right of Bryan Gould's. Khasbulatov's moderate Keynesian proposals did not fit with the policies of the IMF, and throughout the world he was caricatured as a hardline communist. The final ignominy came when his moderate alternative to Yeltsin's wild capitalism was smashed by the shelling of parliament in 1993. In all my time in politics I can think of few more sickening displays of hypocrisy than the support given to this gross violation of parliamentary democracy by the leaders of the free world, Clinton and Major.

The West supported Yeltsin be-cause he was their stooge who followed IMF and World Bank advice. At the time of my visit that year, the consequences of that for the Russian people was already becoming clear. Moscow had a murder rate twice that of New York. Machine gun killings in broad daylight were a common occurrence. There were estimated then to be 15,000 dollar millionaires in Moscow, whilst the majority of the pop-



LIVINGSTONE

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ulation was living below the poverty line. The Russian parliament was cleared out of the way because defending even the most elementary social justice inevitably leads to conflict with the IMF-inspired policies of

Russia need not have prostrated herself in this way. Compare the route taken by that other authoritarian centralised communist superpower, China. Like China, Russia could have retained state control of heavy industry while allowing light industry and a consumer sector to develop in private hands. By refusing to follow the economics of the Western financial institutions, China has become the most rapidly growing economy in the world, doubling its GDP quicker than any nation in history.

Instead the USA wanted Russian oil and gas cheap and encouraged Yeltsin to write off manufacturing in-

dustry. Inevitably, as Russian indus- system. Ninety per cent of all private ened as a military force.

Two years ago I returned to Rus-I was lucky enough to meet another key figure in the new Russia, the communist leader Gennady Zyuganov. He worked from a functional office, making notes with a cheap pen, sipping apple juice from a carton. This seemingly uncharismatic figure is now at the centre of the massive international whirlwind that is encircling Russia. It is in the hands of Zyuganov and his left-patriotic bloc to decide whether they will use their parliamentary majority to prevent the appointment of Yeltsin's anointed successor, Viktor Chernomyrdin, or whether they will bow to the growing international pressure and hand the free marketeers a life line.

Many have been surprised that the communists, so discredited by their stewardship of the Soviet Union. should have re-emerged as such a major force in Russian politics. But Zyuganov is an astute politician who has assembled a powerful coalition of communists and nationalists. He has positioned the Communist Party as the patriotic defender of Russia, winning over millions of ordinary people who initially considered supporting the extreme right wing politics of Vladimir

Zhirinovsky. When I met him, he explained the importance of this new role for the communists: "The break up of the USSR was a disaster which crippled every former republic." It is easy to see what he meant - the Russia I saw defied belief. Corruption was not only endemic, but intrinsic to the new as badly in 1998 as it did in 199

try declined the country was weak- economic activity was linked to organised crime, and \$20 billion a year was being exported to western banksia. and as with Khasbulatov in 1993, ing havens. Yeltsin was running a campaign in which the boss of the former KGB, and the head of the NTV television channel were members of his election committee.

In 1996 I concluded that Zyuganov would have made a much more democratic leader than Yeltsin. I did so because he called for a reduction of arbitrary power concentrated in the presidency and the mayors of the big cities, and because of his contempt for the intellectual stagnation of the former soviet system. "The party claimed a monopoly on everything property, ideas, truth," he said. "We could not return to that even if we wanted. Yeltsin has accumulated more power than the tsar and the gen-

eral secretary put together." For politicians in a newly impoverished "Third World" nation such as Russia, the issue of who defends the interests of the country is paramount. That is unsurprising in a country where male life expectancy has fall-

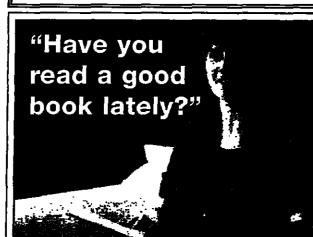
The dilemma the Russian Duma now faces is acute. If it endorses Yeltsin's nomination of Chernomyrdin, the deputies will be seen to have accepted a new government committed to the further humiliation of the country. If they reject Chernomyrdin, the President may well try to shut parliament down and rule by decree. This is a dilemma no parliament should have to face. I hope that if it ex ercises its right to put the pe Russia first, the West will not

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The intention is to look Yeltsin in the eye and see if he is coherent." Senior White House aide on President Clinton's visit to Russia

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"He who does not enjoy solitude will not love freedom." Arthur Schopenhauer German philosopher



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WHATEVER NORTH Korea's justification for the test, we cannot condone it. Its principal result was to heighten tension in the entire Northeast Asian region. No doubt, ballistic missiles are a threat to Japan. But the highest priority for the Japanese government is calmly to examine the intentions of the North Koreans, and the performance of the missiles themselves. The nation must lower the level of threat through diplomatic efforts. Asahi Shimbun, Japan

NORTH KOREA'S developm of these weapons is a direct front to efforts by country around the world to seco peace and stability in the gion. For this reason in par ular, we find Pyongyang's action on Monday most regrettable. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons and their delivery systems - such as ballistic missiles - has been on the rise since the end of the Cold War. For the international community, it has become

Korea's missile testing

reverse this unsettling trend.

What Japan must first do is co-

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more important than ever that disarmament efforts, particuimmediate action be taken to larly those aimed at curtailing the number of weapons of mass destruction and ending their proliferation.

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CHRIS SMITH, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, rang Pandora yesterday in an angry mood. He was displeased by Monday's story saying that he had told the people of Saltaire that he was keen to see their town named as one of the British sites on the UN's World Heritage list. In fact, Smith said, he had merely said that Saltaire was "clearly a candidate" for the list, and had made it clear that the ultimate decision wasn't his. Pandora is happy to set the record straight. Smith was also displeased by our mention of the Select Committee report last June that was critical of him, pointing out that it never actually used the words lightweight" or "ineffective" No, but the Committee did call on him to take "a much tougher attitude in his negotiations with the Treasury". When Smith told the Committee that his Department was "an increasingly important component of the overall work which Government does", the Committee responded, "We wish we found that statement convincing". Lest there be any misunderstandings.

RUSSIAN RIGHT-WING zealot Vladimir Zhirinovsky is not impressed by President Clinton's visit to Moscow. He has urged Clinton to leave Hillary and marry Monica Lewinsky. "A visit by President Clinton today is untimely, especially considering his recent moral scandal," said Zhirinovsky. According to the South China Morning Post, he also said: "We, as individuals with high moral character, would prefer not to meet a person who still can't sort out his relationship with his secretary." The nationalist deputy is famous for his own high moral standards. Indeed, the Chinese newspaper recalls the stories of him beating up a female deputy on the floor of the Russian parliament and performing in a film along with several nude ladies. And he's always impeccably behaved with his secretary.

AS IF Western relations with the Muslim world were not tense enough, now Hollywood is upping the ante with a new Bruce Willis vehicle called Siege. The plot concerns a US government attempt to intern all citizens of Middle Eastern descent after a wave of terrorist bombings in New York, Arab and Muslim Americans are outraged at the stereotyping in the film, but its director, Edward Zwick, claims the film is an attack on the dangers of totalitarianism, and he's hanging tough. "Events in the last couple of weeks point out the fact that Arab terrorism exists in the world, and not to address it would be fatuous

and disingenuous." Better "fatuous" than "fatwa", Ed.

AMERICANS HAVE begun calling Bill Clinton "the man who launched a thousand jokes", and a favourite new parlour game is suggesting titles for the movie of Zippergate. These include Citizen Stain, The Big Lewinsky, Willy Wonka and the Cigar Factory and Starr Wars. Oh, yes, and watch out for Terms of Impeachment.

PANDORA SALUTES Emrys Williams, curator of the Lloyd George Museum in Llanystumdwy, North Wales. In view of the recent Ulster peace agreement, Mr Williams has decided to update the display board relating to Lloyd George's work on the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty. "Lloyd George met with Sinn Fein and was the only prime minister to have done so until Tony Blair," Williams told Pandora. "It is incumbent on us that we now update the display." Considering the volatility of Irish history, did Williams foresee any further revisions? "I think that, providing everything goes according to plan, this is the last update we will do." Lloyd George himself would have been proud of such optimism.

THE SECOND series of the BBC's Rock Family Trees begins on Friday. One show will cover the late Seventies punk scene, particularly the reminiscences of Siouxsie Sioux, leader of the Banshees, "I had these three microphones gathered together, because I wanted to be not twice as loud but three times as loud as anyone else," she tells the camera. "Because I'd read about people's bowels dropping out at certain frequencies, I thought, 'if I can make it really painful, we might see some action here!"."



How I rediscovered my teenage son

I LIVE with my 19 year old son. We're sharing the flat in Camden, north London, that I moved into last April when I separated from my wife. My son dropped out of university in June, having decided, for reasons still unclear to both of us, not to sit

My son's best friend, Harry, is living nearby in his father's West Hampstead flat. Harry just dropped out of his university in the Midlands. Fred, one of my best friends.

spent last year living with his son after the 19-year-old botched his Alevels. Now he's at a good northern university. "He may be back," Fred says. "I'm not sure that he's ready to stick it yet." Middle-class middle-aged fathers

documentary film researcher. All I know is what I'm doing, what I'm seeing and what I'm reading in the Earlier this month, I read that almost one in five British university students dropped out last year, the

majority without taking their exams.

This is an increase of 7 per cent -

and their sons living together: is this

the latest social trend? Don't ask me,

especially not if you're a television



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Living with my son seems somehow more essential than all the years I lived and worked for him

from 12 per cent to 19 per cent - over the past three years.

Some claimed the explanation was the increased number of students attending university, with too many kids seeking higher education who should have gone straight into jobs.

On the other hand, the National Union of Students said the increase was caused by the students' worsening financial problems, even before the Government's £1,000 tuition

fee takes effect. All I know is that, after 20 years of living for my son, paying up to one third of my annual income to keep him and his sister in private schools. I'm now living with him. If you detect some confusion here, that's no surprise. I'm a man and according to all the recent reports on "Men". including one conducted "on four continents and 46 countries", men are confused and "failing hopelessly to come to terms with the late 20th century".

The fact is that living with my son has proved to be an unexpected favour. We have been having a reasonably good time sharing the cooking, doing the laundry, going out to the pub, watching television and failing hopelessly to come to terms with the late 20th century together.

Living with my son seems somehow more essential and satisfying than all the years I lived and worked for him. He claims to feel the same way. So does his friend Harry, who says, "All the years I was growing up, I only saw my father on the weekends or late in the evenings. I didn't know what he was really like. When

he spoke to me, it was in these big statements - as if he thought what ever he said had to be important.

Now we just talk like two people."

Of course there are differences in taste and style. I have difficulty whenever I see the state of my son's room. (Best to shut the door on that here, as at home.) I've had to accustom myself to his personal wardrobe of motley T-shirts, baggy blue trousers and smelly grey trainers. The only thing he seems to watch on television are cartoons like South Park and The Simpsons. He isn't particularly interested in politics and never reads a newspaper

However two years at university have taught my son to be a good cook, a canny shopper, and an expert guide to the local video shop, where he's apparently seen everything on the shelves at least twice. His concern for my health and welfare is almost wifely. If I'm out late, he'll ring around looking for me. If he's out all

night, I can just go to sleep now. The "generation gap" that was headline news during my Sixtics adolescence seems to have been replaced - for his Nineties generation - by the continuing war between the sexes. How this affects my son - or me - is not easy to pinpoint, but I suppose it does. We're not living a monastic life, but the women we know all seem to be unique individuals. Indeed we sometimes give each other advice, but we never discuss women.

Charlotte Raven recently wrote that "women are increasingly rejecting men because they are simply not good enough. To say this is women's fault is rather like blaming a consumer returning shoddy products." Have my son and I been returned to life's supermarket. Are we two generations of damaged goods? Probably, since neither of us knows how to hold the door open for half the population of the world, nor how to make amends to it.

Still, in the morning, when we wake up and go to work - my son to the mailroom where he's temping. me to the newspaper - I welcome the feeling of shared enterprise and shared blood. At least my son and I can share the same shelf in the world, making no big statements, just speaking like two people. For the time being, at least we're sticking together.

The state must fight terrorism from a high moral standpoint

PEOPLE WHO are attacked want to retaliate. That is as true of those who restrain themselves as it is of those who take action. It is part of the human condition. Anyone who is attacked by terrorists is attacked by an unseen and unidentified enemy. That leaves our anger all dressed up with nowhere to go. Anger fed by that frustration tends to redouble.

I have felt this too. I remember the first day that we allowed our younger son to go out in London by himself. He was on the way into Regent's Park when the IRA blew up the park bandstand, and I spent the whole morning waiting to hear what had happened to him. I would not have trusted my political judgement that mornin

It has always been like this. In November 1605, when news that the king had survived the Gunpowder Plot reached Bishop Auckland, the inhabitants lit bonfires in celebration. One woman was out shopping when she heard that her children had lit a bonfire inside the house. She rushed home and put it out. Unfortunately, she was a Roman Catholic. Her neighbours, looking for an outlet for their anger, informed on her on the grounds that she had refused to have a bonfire to celebrate the king's deliverance. The court did not believe her story, and she died a year later in prison. Retaliation against an invisible enemy is still a risk to visible innocents.

Retaliation against an invisible enemy tends to be directed against groups. In this case, it was directed against "the Papists". Some 90 per cent or more of English Roman Catholics had no sympathy with the Gunpowder Plot, yet the official prayer of thanksgiving described Roman Catholics as "those whose faith is faction and whose religion is rebellion". Sixty years later, it was widely believed that "the Papists"

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had started the Great Fire of London. The evil done by that attitude is still with us. The spirit of Drumcree was born on 5 November, 1605. The group identified as the

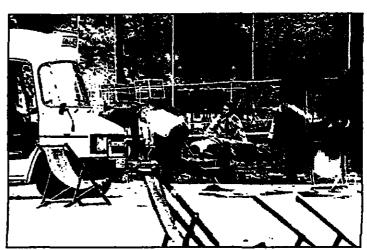
enemy is, of course, always far wider than the group actually to when the identity of the terrorist group is known only in the most general terms. After the Birmingham bombing, there was a firebomb attack on an Irish pub in Ealing. Whether it is "Papists". "prods", "Communists" or "Islam", there is always a risk that this reaction may force the attacked group to identify with, and even seek defence from, the terrorist group with which it previously had no sympathy. It may give terrorists a base in a community that previously did not support them. It may of course go the other way. Among the Irish community, it went irreversibly the other way some time ago.

The urge to assert that "we are respectable people", if it is capable of being believed, can also be very strong indeed. Mercifully, it looks as

if the first reactions to the Omagh bombing have gone along the route of revulsion followed by the London Irish. This may be too strong a change to be reversed, but why gamble on it by introducing measures that must, at the very least, carry some risk of reversing it? Are we in danger of repeating the same mistake which was made in Bishop Auckland in 1605?

During my lifetime, there has been a major change in the military balance in favour of terrorism. The sophistication of portable bombs, car bombs, nerve gas bombs and other new weapons makes it far easier for terrorists to be unseen than it ever was for Guy Fawkes and his 36 barrels of gunpowder Of 82 wars in progress in March 1996, 79 were not wars between states. The state is losing not only the power to control its currency but also its other main mark of sovereignty - the power of war and peace. Defence of monopoly had always stirred an extra dimension of anger, and that is now blame. This must be especially so added to the reflex of anger at an unseen attacker. The state is defending its own power. So it should, but it must accept that, if it is fighting to win, it needs the Fabian skills of delay, "Don't shoot unless you can see the whites of their eyes" is a hard military rule when the enemy is unseen, but it is no less true.

Terrorists, if they are to remain unseen, desperately need a friendly civilian population into which they can vanish. The skill of defeating them is to isolate them from that civilian base. Until that can be done, the war against terrorism is a political contest more than a military one. It is a struggle not to alienate the floating voters. This means that the state's need to show that it ury: it is an indispensable condition state's power to claim a derogation



The aftermath of the Regent's Park bombing in 1982

of victory. Anyone who wants to win from the convention is limited, under a war against terrorism, and not just Article 15, to a state of "emergency to express his outrage, needs not just the patience of Fabius but the patience of Job. That does not come easily to angry people.

every time it abandons its claim to cannot do this, terrorists have won the high moral ground of legality. If the state, by its retaliation, creates as much outrage as the terrorists. it will lose. If it magnifies its opponents by martyrdom, instead of deflating them by its non-reaction, it is their biggest ally. Every parent knows how hard that sort of patience is, but it is no less necessary for that. Imprisonment on the unsupported word of a police officer may be wrongly imposed. It creates martyrs and turns the force of anger against the state instead of the terrorists. It weakens the state's claim to legality: Imprisonment on the word of a police officer risks violating article six of the European Convention of Human Rights. Anthony Lester, the stands for higher standards than the Government advocate in one of the terrorists is not just a peacetime lux- main cases, advises me that the

threatening the nation". It would have to satisfy the court, and not just itself, that such a state exists and that the proposed measures are This is why the state risks defeat "strictly necessary" to meet it. If it the same victory as an advocate who leads his opponent to lose his temper in court.

> The risk to legality is clearer in the proposed power to round up overseas terrorist suspects. It is a very blunt instrument. Who is to be the judge of what is a terrorist organisation? It will be difficult for a British court to assess the internal politics of Burma or Nigeria and even more difficult for it to take the unsupported word of such regimes. If Saddam Hussein's opponents are to be handed over to him to be dealt with, are we conferring on him a divine right to rule until he dies in his bed? Can Parliament really think through these difficulties in two days in September when all amendments are being discouraged? Is that what we have a parliament for?

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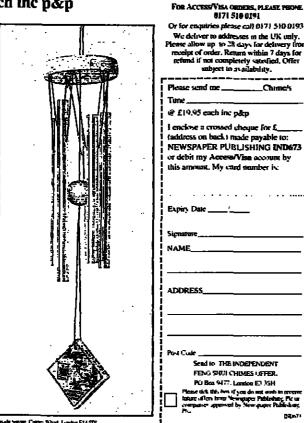
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east Asia. The impact of currency speculations which started as a ripple has created a "tsunami" effect in our economies, destroying in its wake decades of socioeconomic achievements that were the result of the blood, sweat and tears of a nation's populace. Our cherished institutions are being severely tested while critics have paraded their usual generalisations and pronouncements. They say that we lack credibility. They insist that we have been lackadaisical in our enforcement of laws and regulations. They raised concerns about cronyism and say that our attempts to moderate the impact of bankruptcies are bail-outs. themselves operate in absolute secrecy condemn us for our alleged lack of transparency. It is amazing that the same

self-appointed critics were applauding our east Asian mircle not too long ago. Everything that we did then was right and should be emulated by everyone. They urged their clients to move their capital to our capitals. Prudence in lend-

THESE ARE changing ing to companies was thrown times for companies in out of the window. We were persuaded to lower our barriers and admit their capital and practices into our countries with promises of rapid wealth creation. There were talks of a world without borders, a globalised world in which the wealth of the rich would flow to poor countries.

Then, overnight, we are told we are no longer attractive. Capital flight becomes the order of the day. When we try to protect our economic sovereignty we are severely punished by further impoverishment through devaluation of our currency and emasculation of our stock-markets. We admit that there are weaknesses and unacceptable practices in the management of our economies. Above all these critics who But they are no worse than the weaknesses and malpractices of the developed countries when they were growing. Their rampant capitalism was so oppressive that the working classes revolted and gave rise to the socialist and Communist ideologies. As we all know, the conflicts that followed cost millions of lives, a hot and a cold war

that sapped the wealth of the

whole world.



MAHATHIR

MOHAMAD From a speech by the Prime Minister of Malaysia to a Conference on Corporate Governance

Unlike many newly independent countries, Malaysia did not discard the market economy in favour of socialism and Communism, But we made the market an instrument for social engineering in order to achieve justice and fairness to all in our multiracial society. The ways of Robin Hood were avoided. The rich were not robbed in order to give to the poor. Instead the rich, through their capital and their that regards the whole nation as entrepreneurial skills. were one large corporation in which made to generate wealth for the government and the private everyone. Upward mobility for the population was made possible by generous provision of educational facilities.

economic growth. In Malaysia the necessity for an antimonopolies law or anti-trust law as found in some Western countries does not arise. No monopoly has been given to any company, certainly not on a nationwide basis. Where there is a need to avoid duplication of costly infrastructure, the country is divided into regions and each region is given to one company on a competitive bid basis.

In Malaysia we have decided that the private sector has a big role to play in the development of the nation. They create wealth and jobs and they pay taxes. Since what they do is important for the nation, the government should in fact facilitate the smooth functioning of private enterprise. This requires continuous feedback and support by the government. And so the concept of Malaysia Incorporated was adopted, a concept

sector together with the workers should contribute towards its success. Through privatisation and

The government adopted the Malaysia Incorporated privatisation as a strategy for strategy the country was set to grow, so that by 2020 we would become a developed country. Unfortunately we are now seeing the return of rampant capitalism. The old capitalists were confined to their own countries. Modern technology and the case with which huge funds can be accumulated and managed has given the newcapitalists tremendous powers. With billions and even trillions at their disposal, they can now challenge whole governments. The free flow that should bring wealth to the poor countries of the world has now brought about their impoverishment. Although government practices and lack of openness may be blamed, there can be no doubt that the loss of control over exchange rates and the cross-border flow of capital are responsible for the financial turmoil now assailing the countries of east Asia.

Nispay Phylics

Life on Earth doesn't need us

HUMANS ARE not the centre of life. Nor is any other single species. Life has existed at the planetary level for at least 3,000 million years. To me, the human move to take responsibility for the living Earth is laughable - the rhetoric of the powerless. The planet takes care of us, not we of it. Our self-inflated moral imperative to guide a wayward Earth, or heal our sick planet, is evidence of our immense capacity for self delusion. Rather, we need to protect ourselves from ourselves.

We are at the point of a very big crisis indeed in global biodiversity. Over 40 per cent of the land mass of the earth is now devoted to human agriculture. The cities are eating up the open spaces with their garbage and concrete. The forests are being taken over by agriculture. There is simply no way that this can be allowed to double in the next gen-eration, which is the rate at which we are going.

Why should Homo sapiens, as the species is inaptly named, of all species, continue? There are anything up to 30 million species alive today. But 99.9 per cent plus of those that ever existed are extinct. It's not much use appealing, as many environmentalists do, for the saving of one particular species, one type of snail, when we're destroying their whole habitat. There is no scientific reason to think that we, even with space travel, are going to survive as a species for ever, certainly not by biting off the hand that feeds us, which is exactly what we are doing.

I came to this view through my collaboration with the independent scientist and inventor, James Lovelock. Our Gaia hypothesis, rejected by some as the fantasy of New Age crystal-swingers, demonstrates how biology is essential to the understanding of how Earth works.

Gaia is not, as many claim, a theory of the Earth as a single living organism. Yet the Earth, in the biological sense, has a body sustained by a complex physiology. Life is a global phenomenon, and the Earth has thus been alive for most of its history.

James Lovelock had already thought up the idea of a living Earth in the mid-Sixties, years before I met him, when he consulted for NASA. His major contribution was the electron capture device, a detector used to measure concentrations of certain reactive gases in the air, such as chlorofluorocarbons. which led directly to chemists understanding how the ozone layer was being destroyed. Borrowing a term from physiology, Lovelock pointed out that our planetary exvironment is "homeostatic". Just as our bodies, like those of all mammals, maintain a relatively stable in-

tem keeps its temperature and atmospheric composition stable. wrote, atmospheric temperature is regulated around given set points by negative feedback. His claims that life sets environmental tem-

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changing conditions, the Earth sys-



LYNN MARGULIS

We are like other species. We cannot put an end to Nature: we can only pose a threat to ourselves.

perature at an optimum were misunderstood, criticised or more frequently, ignored. Lovelock increasingly thought of this plane tary regulatory system as central to understanding life on Earth.

The term Gaia was suggested to Lovelock by William Golding, author of Lord of the Flies. In the early Seventies, they both lived in Bower-chalke, Wiltshire. Lovelock asked his neighbour if he could replace the cumbersome phrase "a cybernetic system with homeostatic tendencies as detected by chemical anomalies in the Earth's atmosphere" with a term meaning "Earth". "I need a four letter word," he said. Golding suggested "Gaia", the ancient Greek word for "Mother Earth". As such, Gaia provides an etymological root of many scientific terms, such as geology, geometry and Pangea.

The sum of planetary life, Gaia, is an emergent property of interaction among organisms, the spherical planet on which they reside, and an energy source, the sun. Furthermore, Gaia is an ancient phenomenon. Trillions of jostling, feeding, mating, exuding beings comprise her planetary system. Gaia is a tough bitch and is not at all threatened by humans. Planetary life has survived for billions of years before humanity was even the dream of a lively ane with a yearning for a hairless mate.

Politicians need a better understanding of global ecology. We need to be freed from our species-specific arrogance. No evidence exists that we are "chosen", the unique species for which all the others were made. Nor are we the most important one because we are so numerous, powerful and dangerous. Our tenacious illusion of special dispensation belies our true status as upright, mammalian weeds,

In popular culture, the confused idea of Gaia strikes mythological chords. Gaia resonates with our longing for significance in our short Earth-bound lives. We have, for centuries, personified nature. It is unfortunate that Gaia theory has been used for this vaguely spiritual agen-In engineering terms, Lovelock da by mystics, and some of the more scientifically-illiterate environmentalists. But the planet is not human.

nor does it belong to humans. Now, a new scientific organisa-



A haven of life for 3 billion years, the Earth won't be thrown off course by a single species, not even humankind

tion, Gaia: the Society for Research and Education in Earth System Science, is bringing the lessons of global biology to a wider audience. Few of us will ever be able to get the unique perspective provided by ng the Earth from space, but the Gaia society will help us share the planetary perspective of those who have. The urgency for developing the larger, interconnected perspective facilitated by Gaia has

never been more pressing. Despite our very recent appearance on the planet, humanity combines arrogance with increasing material demands, even as we become more numerous. Our toughness is a delusion. Have we the intelligence and discipline to vigilantly guard against our tendency to grow without limit? The planet

will not permit our consumption of ture; we can only pose a threat to resources and production of wastes to confinue to increase.

Runaway populations of bacteria, locusts, roaches, mice and even wild flowers always collapse. They choke and severe shortage ensue. Diseases follow, taking their cue from destructive behaviours and social disintegration. Even herbivores, if desperate, become vicious predators and cannibals. Cows will hunt rabbits or eat their calves, many mammals will vie for the meat of their runted litter mates. Population overgrowth leads to stress, and stress depresses population overgrowth - an example of a Gaianregulated cycle.

We people eat just like our planet mates. We cannot put an end to naourselves. Runaway climate change and further intensification of industrial agriculture would do just that. But the notion that we can destroy all life, including the bacteria clear power plants and deep-sea volcanic vents, is ludicrous. Many species, especially those in the four non-animal-kingdoms - plants, fungi, protoctists and bacteria - do not need humans to take care of them. The assertion made by some politicians and propagandists that, by preserving biodiversity, we can somehow preserve the whole planet's life is just a further example of our big-headed delusion. However close humanity itself may be to causing its own extinction, or at best

its irrevocable disintegration, most

other species will carry on regardless. It's just the debusion of our culture that we will conquer death.

I hear our non-human brethren sniggering. "Got along without you before I met you, gonna get along them, the microbes, the whales, the insects, the seed plants and the birds are still singing. The tropical forest trees are humming to themselves waiting for us to finish our arrogant logging so they can get back to their business of growth as usual. And they will continue their cacophonies and harmonies long after we are gone.

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RIGHT OF REPLY

JOHN GIFFARD



The Chief Constable of Staffordshire responds to our coverage of CS gas use by the police

CS SPRAY, which has been in use by police forces progressively over the last two-and-ahalf years, is part of police self-defence equipment. It was introduced partly because of the rising numbers of assaults on police officers, and also because the likelihood of serious injury resulting from its use is far less than that resulting from the use of a baton.

That said, the preferred option for all police officers in resolving conflict is the use of peaceful persuasion by verbal skills. This is imbued in all officers from their day of joining, and is an integral part of all training. The vast majority of potential conflict is resolved by this means, and will continue to be so.

Only if that approach does not work are police justified in considering the use of lawful physical force. Any use of CS spray is subject, as with use of force by police, to scrutiny by the criminal law and the police complaints procedure. No empirical evidence, as opposed to individual and sometimes anonymous anecdote, has been produced in support of the proposition that there is a trend towards officers using CS unnecessarily and as a "soft option". There is no evidence whatsoever at this time of any death having resulted from the use of CS. It was introduced only after

careful examination by scientists for any potential for adverse impact on health. We continual review, but it is clear that the effects, which we openly acknowledge are most unpleasant, generally wear off very quickly.

Police officers are not trained to resort to physical force without good and proper reason. But force is sometimes necessary, and CS is merely one option in that situation. It is helping to reduce injury and disorder, without lasting health effects.

It happened one night

were removed, including her ra-

THE MEETING in 1945 between the Oxford scholar Isaiah Berlin and the great poet Anna Akhmatova is already the stuff of legend. Berlin described their 14 hours conversation in St Petersburg as "the most memorable encounter of my life", while Akhmatova called Berlin her "Guest from the Future". All through one night, they talked about the literature they loved, especially the poetry of Pushkin. At some point, Randoiph Churchill, a friend of Berlin, made a drunkenly noisy appearance in the courtyard beneath her window. Anyone without direct experience of the Soviet era would wonder how such an occasion could have disastrous consequences. What was all the fuss about?

This sharply written and elegantly translated little book es-



WEDNESDAY BOOK

THE GUEST FROM THE FUTURE: ANNA AKHMATOVA AND ISAIAH BERLIN BY GYORGY DALOS, TRANSLATED BY ANTONY WOOD,

there was nothing paranoid in Akhmatova's belief that this meeting led to a succession of new misfortunes. Dalos has access to hitherto secret files of both the KGB and the Politbureau. After Berlin's visit, he has discovered, Akhrnatova's flat was bugged, and informers set to spy on her. Two of her books, ready for publication, were taken out of production. On 14 August 1946, Zhdanov condemned her in the Central Committee as both "nun and

tablishes beyond doubt that whore". All her privileges as a

WEDNESDAY POEM

FROM "THE NEW DIVAN" BY EDWIN MORGAN

I dreaded stretcher-bearing, my fingers would slip on the two sweat-soaked handles, my muscles not used to the strain. The easiest trip of all I don't forget, in the desert, that dead officer drained of blood, wasted away, leg amputated at the thigh, wrapped in a rough sheet, light as a child, rolling from side to side of the canvas with a faint terrible sound as our feet siumbled through the sand.

Our poems this week come from 'Poetry of the Second World War: an International anthology', edited by Desmond Graham (Pimilco, £10)

JOHN MURRAY, £17.99

tion book. Worst of all, her son Lev was taken back into prison. Akhmatova had been regarded with suspicion ever since her first husband Gumilyov's execution in 1922. Her poems had gooe unpublished for two decades, and she had been tacitly written out of Soviet literary history. With obstinate courage, she remained friends with both Bulgakov and Shostakovich when they were in trouble, while Nadezhda, the wife of the poet Osip Mandelstam, once wrote that Akhmatova was the only person in the whole of Russia she felt she could trust. Still, Akhmatova's broadcasts to the beleaguered people of Leningrad during the

war had restored her briefly to government favour. Dalos's new material shows that the KGB did indeed imagme she had been suborned by Isaiah Berlin to spy for England. Moreover, he quotes KGB informers reports in chilling detail. "She was ill for a long time with nervous exhaustion and cardiac arhythmia... Outwardly, she remains cheerful... people completely unknown to her have sent flowers and fruit." There are even minutes of the Leningrad Union of Writers in which Stalin's voice is directly recorded complaining that

member of the Writers Union Akhmatova's good poems can be counted on the fingers of one

Yet why should Berlin have been regarded with such suspicion? He was at that time working for the Foreign Office. In Soviet eyes, however, he was a likely British spy. He was said, for one thing, to be a close friend of Churchill. And his relatives who had remained in Russia were already Stalin's victims. A distant cousin of Isaiah Berlin's had already been sentenced to 25 years in a labour camp. Another relative, a Dr Pevsner who worked in a clinic in Moscow, was later to confess (under torture) to British secret service links at the time of the invented "Jewish Doctors" plot.

most glittering figures of St Petersburg before the First World War, and a woman of remarkable beauty. She was in her late fifties, however, when she met Isaiah Berlin, She fell so much in love with him then that she found herself "going around as if the sun were in my body". Berlin, though he describes receiving a poem inscribed to him as "one of the most thrilling experiences of his life". did not reciprocate her feelings. When he returned to Russia briefly in 1956, he was mainly

anxious that a second visit



Sir Isaiah Berlin

might bring more trouble on her. Boris Pasternak suggested that he should telephone from a public call box, and alerted Akhmatova meanwhile that Berlin was accompanied by his new wife. Akhmatova always referred with irony to the disappointment of this "nonmeeting". It was not her only unhap

piness. In the camps, her son Lev's mind had been poisoned against her by guards who per-Akhmatova was one of the suaded him that she was indifferent to his fate. Yet the "hitter glory" she had long ago predicted finally came to Akhmatova. Dalos's book reveals the manoeuvring, in the aftermath of Khrushchev's revelations, which allowed her to receive the Etna Taormina Prize, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Oxford. In 1966, a street in Odessa and a new planet were posthumously named for her. Russia knows how to honour its poets - once they are safely dead.

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The Right Rev Frank Cocks

bishops today is that they lack colour. Such a charge could never be laid at the door of Frank Cocks, Bishop of Shrewsbury from 1970 to 1980, a man who loved life and revelled in its variety and surprises.

Born on 5 November 1913 (he records that he "narrowly escaped being called Guy or, even worse, Basilai, which had been the Christian name given to both my grandfather and great-grandfather"), he moved to Felixstowe in 1921 when his father was appointed to the living of St John the Baptist.

It was an incumbency that was to last 41 years, and the large sevenbedroomed vicarage, it by gas and mostly unheated, became home to the family of three with two livingin staff. Already the young Cocks was a voracious reader, well into the works of G.A. Henty, Percy Westerman and Conan Doyle, and here he made his first acquaintance with the theatre (through concert parties appearing at the Spa Pavilion), the Royal Air Force, cricket and tennis, all of which were to play such a significant part in his life.

He was educated at Haileybury (of which he later became a member of Council and Chairman of Trustees) and St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he read History. His theological college years were spent at Westcott House, Mervyn Stockwood and George Reindorp being among his fellow students. Here he distinguished himself not by application to his studies, but by becoming a rugby Blue.

On Trinity Sunday 1937 Frank Cocks was ordained in Winchester Cathedral to serve in the parish of Highfield, Southampton, the Vicar India Command at the time of the being Stretton Reeve, who later became Bishop of Lichfield. It was the example of a dedicated pastoral ministry as portrayed first by his father and then by Stretton Reeve which had a profound effect on Cocks's ministry, as did the Principal of Westcott B.K. Cunningham's frequent quoting of the words of the theologian Von Hugel: "Christianity taught me to care. Caring

It was early on in his service in the Royal Air Force that Cocks first hit the headlines: "Padre to Wed Dance Girl", screamed the Daily Mirror. The evening at the cabaret which ended in a present of more than the cabaret which ended in a present of more than the cabaret which ended in a present of more than the cabaret which ended in a present of more than the cabaret which ended in a present of more than the cabaret which ended in a present of more than the cabaret which ended in a present of the cabaret which ended in the cabaret which ended in the cabaret which end in the cabaret which end in the cabaret which end in the cabaret which which ended in a proposal of mar-riage to one of the dancers left his parents and friends flabbergasted. But, despite the attempts by his father, Stretton Reeve and others to get him to change his mind, the wed-

It was early on in his service in the RAF that Cocks first hit the headlines: 'Padre to Wed Dance Girl' screamed 'The Daily Mirror'. They were happily married for almost 50 years

ding to Barbara Thompson took place in 1940, and for almost 50 years they were happily wed, bringing up their children, Michael and Tina, and coping with the extraordinary demands of a ministry that was to include postings to RAF Leuchars, to granting of independence, to Dowdeswell Court where he served as Commandant of the Chaplains' School, to Bomber Command, at which time, to his delight, he became the Chairman of the RAF Cricket Association responsible for sides including Fred Trueman, Jim Parks, Fred Titmus and Tony Lewis, to Singapore and the Far East. On 19 March 1959 his appointment

ONE OF the criticisms levelled at is the great thing. Caring matters as Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force was gazetted, followed by his being made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. The six years as Chaplain-in-Chief engaged his organisational skills, in shaping the Chaplain's Department to meet the demands of a much-reduced and completely professional service and dealing with various aspects of the life of St Clement Danes, as well as his pastoral gifts, in visiting RAF units at home and abroad. They were necessarily high-profile years, with many demands for sermons on state occasions, demands which were to continue throughout his retirement.

Following his 26 years in the RAF, Cocks's appointment to a living in the diocese of Lichfield again brought him into the headlines. As Rector from 1965 of St Peter's, Wolverhampton, a large town-centre civic church with links into all aspects of community life and a big commitment to education, his Member of Parliament was Enoch Powell, who regularly worshipped at St Peter's. In 1968 Powell made his famous "Rivers of Blood" speech and, as Chairman of the local Council of Churches, Cocks wrote a carefully worded letter to The Times distancing the churches from the views expressed. The result was a deluge of correspondence and constant demands to comment on any subsequent utterances made by Powell.

It was while Cocks was attending the weekly lunch of his Rotary Club in Wolverhampton that the announcement of his appointment to the bishopric of Shrewsbury was made. His consecration, together with that of Robert Runcie, took place at Westminster Abbey on St Matthias Day 1970, at a service largely remembered by those present for the fact that Harry Williams preached a sermon lasting threequarters of an hour. In Shrewsbury · siderable gifts. the new bishon and his wife soon became known for their warmth and hospitality and quickly established themselves in the life of the Church and the Community, whether visiting Shropshire villages, discussing with churchwardens the future of



Cocks (right) at Westminister Abbey on St Matthias Day 1970 with Robert Runcie (left) and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Michael Ramsey (centre). Cocks was consecrated Bishop of Shrewsbury and Runcie Bishop of St Albans

their parishes, or engaging in the committees all demanded a great well as responding to calls for help planning of Telford new town, he brought to his episcopal task a wealth of experience and very con-

The chairmanship of Shropshire Community Council, the presidency of the prestigious Shrewsbury Flower Show, the appointment as Archbishops' Adviser to the Headmasters' Conference, the member- and his books, his after-dinner ship of many diocesan councils and speaking and meals with friends, as

deal, and all received a generous re- from the local bishop and sursponse. Moreover he was an invaluable member of the diocesan staff, as ever a good team player.

His retirement years were happy years with time for his beloved Barbara, his children and grandchildren, his golf (he became captain of his club in 1985) and sport, his home rounding parishes.

Back in his father's retirement house, he and Barbara became part of St John's again for nine years before her death in 1989. Throughout his last illness he was able to read, to keep an eye on the Test match score, and to enjoy remembering. There was a lot to remember.

Francis William Cocks, priest: born London 5 November 1913: ordained deacon 1937, priest 1937; CB 1959; Chaplain-in-Chief and Archdeacon, Royal Air Force 1959-65; Rector and Rural Dean of Wolverhampton 1965-70: Bishop Suffragan of Shrewsbury 1970-80: Honorary Chaplain to HM the Queen 1959-65; married 1940 Barbara Thompson (died 1989; one son, one daughter): died + JOHN WAINE Felizstowe, Suffolk 19 August 1998.

John Béchervaise

deep in voice and blessed with presence - you knew when "Béche" entered the room. He was outward-looking, engaging, a measured risk-taker, a good writer, artist, photographer and rich in that intangible and rare quality leadership. John Bechervaise lived a memorable life in Australia's mountaineering and Antarctic community.

Born in 1910 and educated in Melbourne, Béchervaise joined the staff of Geelong College in 1935, charged with establishing a boys' outdoor programme. Following his marriage to Lorna Fearn Wanna, he travelled with her around Europe and, during the Second World War years, studied art at the Courtauld Institute in London.

On his return to Geelong College after the war, Bechervaise's interest in schoolboy exploring led him to establish a guild system modelled on that of the British Schools Exploring Society. His leadership of the Geelong College Exploration Soci-

mountaineering circles. Walkabout magazine - Australia's first geographical magazine, founded in 1949 - reported that in mid-January 1949 J. Béchervaise, F. and W. Elliot and A. Rogers of Geelong College reached the summit, where they built a cairn. The party returned to Hobart on 2 February. This was the

last of many college expeditions or-

ganised by Bechervaise. Bathing in the success of Federation Peak and earlier schools' expeditions, Béchervaise took a fast lane at the beginning of the Fifties to Australia's emerging National Antarctic Research Expeditions (Anare) managed by an expert committee including Sir Douglas Mawson and directed by Phillip Law. These were exciting and testing years, with Béchervaise and his Geelong recruits being solid support

Bechervaise established himself as a competent field leader at Heard Island (1953) and at the Mawson station on the Antarctic mainland (1955

South West made him well known in and a meticulous planner on paper almost to the point of distraction for others.

At Heard Island, he led an unaccessful attempt to scale Big Ben. Heard's towering volcanic peak but, during the year, completed a significant survey programme, with Bechervaise beginning the first of a series of publications on Antarctic

From Mawson he co-ordinated and led several extended field trips of up to 600km inland using equipment primitive by today's standards, and covering an area of ice sheet that had been only poorly photographed from the air. He played a key role in exploring Mac-Robertson Land and the remote Prince Charles Mountains region. He worked hard and "did it tough" time and time again, working unsupported for long periods in extreme conditions. For this he was awarded the Polar Medal.

However, Béchervaise's communications, artistic and literary skills were his greatest contributions

spoke and wrote of Australia's efforts there. Of his several books, Antarctica - The Last Horizon (1961) was valued by many young Australians and printed several times over, but Blizzard and Fire (1963) reveals more of Béchervaise the person. This account of his year at Mawson as Station Leader in 1959 is a rich literary appreciation of Antarctica and few works compare, at this

His final book was Arctic and Antarctic: the will and the way of John Riddoch Rymill (1995), about the great polar explorer who in the 1930s traversed Greenland and led the British Graham Land Expedition in the Antarctic Peninsula. It was a protracted work which, because of advancing illness, took Béchervaise years to complete. Its eventual publication was testimony to his sticking power and determination to tell the story of another great

time of Antarctica's colonisation

Up to the 1970s, Béchervaise played an active role in the Anare daughters); died 13 July 1998.

IN HIS prime he was big in stature, Federation Peak in Tasmania's and 1959). He was strong-willed to the Antarctic programme. He Club, which cared for the families of past and present expeditioners. This was additional to his long-time commitment to Walkabout magazine and to the Geelong College and community.

It was said that "Beche" never travelled - he explored. This best describes his retirement, as he explored America and Europe in his van. Art, photography and the classics, his lifelong interests, made exploration even more meaningful to him.

Besides his Antarctic writings, the stout indestructible "A"-frame Béche tent developed by him on the slopes of Big Ben in 1953, and still used by Australian expeditions to move freely in Antarctica and shelter from blizzards, is a wonderful symbol of this man's endurance and love of nature.

PETER KEAGE

John Mayston Béchervaise, polar explorer: born Melbourne, Australia 11 May 1910; married Lorna Fearn Wanna (one son, three



John Littleton

IT IS an accepted fact that some ladies do not hesitate to conceal their exact date of birth, and as airline officials say, even "upgrade" the year in which they were born. But men suffering from this phobia are extremely rare, as I was to find when I started to give different dates for every reference work in which my name was solicited, to confound researchers and also to instil a little mischief into those solemn tomes, with their impersonal cut-and-dried treatment of sensitive personalities. Though age has cured me of that eccentricity, I was delighted to find that a favourite singer, John Littleton, also refused to give his exact date of birth to officious inquirers. I have only recently discovered that he was born in 1930 in Louisiana, the son of a Baptist minister, who also worked his own farm.

began singing in churches, both solo and in gospel choirs, and soon re-vealed himself to be the possessor of an exceptionally strong vocal talent. Asked for his exact date of birth, he would always refuse to give it.

For his army service he was sent to France, to the beautiful cathedral city of Reims. It was here that he encountered the woman who was to be come his wife when, falling also in love with the whole of France, he decided to settle there permanently. So in his encounters with French officialdom, Littleton must have had to suffer the pain of revealing his birth date - in confidence, of course.

When he was demobilised, after already becoming, in army concerts and church ceremonies, the "ambassador of the negro spiritual in France". he took up studies at the Conservatoire National de Paris,

When he was still a little boy, he from which he emerged with a first prize for singing, and a first prize for operatic arias. Such success for an American was unprecedented. He started to sing leading roles in opera, and enjoyed great success as

possessing a voice on the grand scale, he was also endowed with a striking stage presence, and unlike many opera stars he could act as well as sing. Modest, he abhorred publicity. In 1960, Littleton began to explore

Littleton explored the vast repertory of black American liturgical music. Pope John Paul II praised the beauty and sincerity of his music

Boris Godunov and Romeo in Gounod's Roméo et Juliette, and as Faust in the Gounod opera of that name, with its entrancing ballet music interhides. He made several recordings of these operas and others. As well as

the vast repertory of black American liturgical music, something he had known only partly as a child and youth, but that his lyrical operatic training was to make him especially suited for. He was to become one

of the most beloved true gospel singers of his generation. This kind of music was not part of

the French national cultural scene as it always had been in Littleton's native Deep South. The French chanson however was a form that could be adapted to religious themes, most of which, performed by singers of a more trivial and sentimental set of standards, were heard around Christmas and Easter only.

The first true religious popular songs were composed in this century by Aimé Duval, which he performed for the groups of young Catholics whose almoner he was. He was both missionary and working-class priest, and with his guitar accompaniment he became known as "the guitarist of the Good Lord," his first record was cut by Gaumont in 1957, and one of its songs, "La Petite Tete", became very popular on the

radio. Father Duval in his cassock music. His many hundreds of spirational songs. To reach a wide audience, he sang of the poor and the homeless and the lonely. His work encouraged a number of religious chansonniers, both priests and laity. Father Bernard, the Quebec Franciscan was one of them, as was his fellow countrywoman Jacqueline Lemay. Among the native French there were Noel Colombier, and Soeur Sourire ("Sister Smile") whose "hit" number "Dominique"

became a world-wide favourite. John Littleton was perhaps the most outstanding among these people devoted to the renaissance of popworld with his wide-ranging repertoire, and was one of the best-loved foreign artists in France. He was praised by Pope John Paul II for the beauty and sincerity of his religious

went touring the world with his inaway from the press and any form of publicity, were recorded on records that sold by the millions.

He cut altogether 75 records, and received many prizes and honours, including the Prix Mahalia Jackson and France's greatest recording distinction, Le Grand Prix du Disque Charles Cros. His spiritual message can be felt in all his work. Among his many distinctions was that of Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur. With his passing, the special quality of his gospel singing. at such a distance from all the clamorous recordings of rock and ular spiritual music. He travelled the rap and reggae, will be sadly missed. JAMES KIRKUP 🥦

> John Littleton, singer: born Louisiana, Missouri 1930; married: died Reims, France 24 August 1998.

WEST OF BUILD



Clive Windsor-Richards

CLIVE WINDSOR-RICHARDS was one of the now rapidly dwindling band of drivers who raced at the Brooklands Track between the wars. He was an able and enthusiastic amateur and very typical of the Brooklands racing drivers of the 1930s.

He was born at Grangetown, near Middlesbrough, in 1903, the son of a steel manufacturer. In 1912, his father went to Russia to take over the New Russia Iron and Steel plant at what later became Stalingrad. He had a narrow escape from death when the Russian Revolution began, Windsor-Richards was educated at Uppingham and then read Engineering at Manchester University. Afterwards, he worked in Paris for three years with an engineering firm, the Société Rateau.

Fast motor-cycles and cars were already a passion in his life and in 1930 a friend, Bryan Gush, suggested that Windsor-Richards should drive his 30-98 Vauxhall in the Motor Cycle Club's one-hour high speed trial at Brooklands. This was an event intended for the amateur driver to gain racing experience on the Track and the 30-98 was a fast sports tourer which many comoisseurs felt was a better car than the contemporary Bentley. Unfortunately the car was already entered in Gush's name so Windsor-Richards impersonated him and subsequently received a

trophy inscribed with Gush's name. Between the wars, many drivers made a profitable business by taking British and International class records at Brooklands. Successful attempts

produced substantial bonuses from the set in the 12-hour record and halving firms who supplied the fuel and oil and made the tyres and other components used. In the spring of 1933, Gush realised that the record speeds set in Class J for cars up to 350cc capacity were very low, so, collaborating with Windsor-Richards, he built a car with an angle iron frame and crude body, using a JAP

motor-cycle engine. This car, nicknamed "Mickey Mouse", successfully attacked the British and International Class J records over distances up to 500 km, and

the speed. Some of the British class records set by Windsor-Richards and the members of the Gush team still

Having begun his career with a 30-98 Vauxhall, Windsor-Richards began racing his own 30-98 in 1935. He gained several places at Brooklands and the following year won a race, finishing in front of the band leader Billy Cotton and Earl Howe. The car was tuned until it was able to lap Brooklands at 117mph, but old cars were not liked at Brooklands

In his car, nicknamed 'Mickey Mouse', he successfully attacked the Class J records and the International 12-hour record

Gush and Windsor-Richards shared at the end of the 1936 season. the driving with several others, including Gush's sister. Gush then built a twin machine, called "Vitesse", using a Blackburne engine, and this was duly Hawthorn, the first British World Chamused to take the records held by pion. Leslie Hawthorn had a very fast

took the International 12-hour record. and the Vauxhall had to be abandoned

He then raced a 2-litre Grand Prix Bugatti and, in 1938, joined forces with Leslie Hawthorn, the father of Mike This breaking and re-breaking of longed to Freddie Dixon, the legendary the records by the two cars went on tuner of Rileys. Most Brooklands races profitably throughout the summer of were handicaps and every driver's aim 1934. The Brooklands authorities did was to outwit the handicapper. In addinot permit cars to run on the track at tion, bookies attended Brooklands and night, so the 24-hour record was es-tablished by submitting the distance make a useful "killing".

Lodge, the only race meeting to be held in England in 1947 and at Shelsey Walsh hill climb, but he did not like the way racing had changed so retired from the sport. Before the war he had run a

> specialised in metal electroplating. His interests in vintage Vauxhalls and similar old sports cars, led Clive Windsor-Richards to become one of the founder member of the Vintage Sports Car Club and he was Club Captain from 1938 to 1947. He was also a member of the British Racing Drivers Club and at est surviving member.

In one race, the Hawthorn Riley re-

ceived a most favourable handicap so

the driver and owner expected to receive

good prize money and make profitable

bets. While the car was on the starting

line, Windsor-Richards left it to attend

to an urgent physical need, so Hawthorn

turned off the fuel. When the race began

the car stopped almost at once as the fuel

had not been turned on again, so the

In addition to Brooklands, Windsor-

financial benefits did not materialise.

Richards raced at Southport, Doning-

ton and Crystal Palace and was placed

at these courses, sometimes driving a

Bentley. After the Second World War, he

drove an SS 100 Jaguar at Gransden

haulage business at Bentley in Hamp-

shire and he later owned a firm which

DAVID VENABLES

Clive Windsor-Richards, racing driver: born Grangetown, Yorkshire 4 February 1903; three times married; died 10 August 1998.

HISTORICAL NOTES

JOHN POLLOCK

Kitchener: monster or misunderstood?

ONE HUNDRED years ago today the great battle of Omdurman avenged General Gordon, destroyed a tyrannical regime and gave the Sudan 60 years of peace and prosperity - the only long period of peace it has ever known. A comparatively small force of British, Egyptians and Sudanese "friendlies" had been brought up the Nile by Maj-Gen Sir Herbert Kitchener. Near the ruins of Khartoum, a huge mass of Sudanese Dervishes flung themselves a the Anglo-Egyptians and would have overwhelmed them had not Kitchener brought Maxim machine-guns which wrought terrible slaughter. The battle is remembered most for the Charge of the 21st Lancers.

Kitchener, now Lord Kitchener of Khartoum ("K of K"), then personally laid down the principles by which the Sudan was governed for the benefit of the people. He became the hero of the British nation and even more so in 1902 when he returned as victor of the South African War. His immense prestige gave him the power in 1914 to issue the famous call "Your Country Needs You" and to raise a New army of a million men. Kitchener's army was the key factor in our winning the First World War, a victory he did not live to see: he and his staff had been drowned when HMS Hampshire struck a mine in 1916.

In the past half-century this great man's reputation has been traduced. A false picture became accepted but now must be scrapped. The royal archives and many other fresh sources have disclosed unknown details of his extraordinary story and revealed his true character.

He was not brutal, nor had a defeated Dervish general lashed as he marched: that myth is demolished by a sketch in a letter written that very day. He looked rather cruel but only because of a war wound which also exaggerated a slight squint: he had poor eyesight which he tried hard to disguise.

Painfully shy and reserved, and loathing personal publicity, he was often misunderstood. He could be brusque and ungracious and ruthless with inefficiency or laziness. But underneath lay a warm heart, moved by a deep Christian faith which made him specially concerned for the poor.

He was very careful of his men's lives.

IN THE midst of the current commemorations of the out-

break of the Second World War,

I feel uneasy. Commemoration

should be a cause of pride. Yet

the outhreak of war in 1939 was

in many ways shameful, mark-

ing as it did the failure of

British and Western diplomacy

over several years to do what

might have been done to deter

Hitler by all means possible. At

the same time, the very act of

war was a shameful one - not

a struggle between equals

with a declaration of war, but

a sudden German attack and

the immediate use of the

tactics of aerial bombardment

and land terror against civil-

ians, to cow the Polish

The Second World War ought

never to have broken out. For

six years the weakness of suc-

cessive British governments

had helped to convince Hitler

that he could advance east-

wards with impunity. With the

political will to do so, this

British weakness could easily

have been avoided. From the

very first months of Hitler com-

ing to power, however, it was self-willed and self-inflicted.

First Baldwin and then Cham-

berlain believed that Stalin, not

Hitler, was the real main enemy.

"If there is any fighting in

Europe to be done," Baldwin

told a deputation of senior MPs

in 1936, "I should like to see the

Bolshies and the Nazis doing

defence of the democracies was

brushed aside by Chamberlain

with contempt. When first

to weaken or debilitate. The

population into submission.



Kitchener: loathed personal publicity

He had an amazing gift for seeing ahead, incredible patience and thoroughness and a prodigious memory for facts and figures. On campaign he was rather too much inclined to do everything himself. He had plenty of humour when among friends and was so adored by his personal staff that some later commentators suspected

wrongly that he was a covert homosexual Kitchener's record is marred by the high death roll among Boer women and children in the camps which were made necessary by the scorched-earth policy forced upon him. As commander-in-chief he must bear blame, just as Mountbatten bears blame for the far higher death roll at the partition of India, but the insanitary habits of the Boer women formed the primary cause of the epidemic. Rather than labelling Kitchener a monster the modern Afrikaner should honour him for the generous peace which ended the war, a peace of reconciliation and rebuilding which Kitchener forced through in the teeth of a British Cabinet which wanted unconditional surrender and a vindicative peace.

Years later, after he had saved Britain from defeat in the First World War and become the architect of victory, his great ambition was to be also the architect of peace, a peace of reconciliation. Instead, the vindicative Treaty of Versailles provoked the Second World War. Had Kitchener lived, the war of 1914-18 might indeed have been "the war to end all wars".

John Pollock is the author of Kitchener: the road to Omdurman' (Constable, £20)

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

BIRTHS

FERGUSSON: On 1 September, to Maggie [Parham] and Jamie, a daughter, Flora Magdalen Alison.

DEATHS

WOODHAM-SMITH: Charles James, 18 August 1998, son of C.I. and Cecil Woodham-Smith C.I. and Ceci woodsam-salut, he leaves his beloved wife, Jerny, and his children Elizabeth, Julia, Thomas and Edward, Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, 10 September at 11.15am.

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Duke of York, Admiral of the Sea Cadets, presents the prizes at the Sea Cadet Association Sailing Regatta, Port Solent, Portsmouth Harbour, Hampshire. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Parkinson's Disease Society, opens the society's new offices at 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st **Battalion Coldstream Guards** mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am.

BIRTHDAYS

Sir Leonard Appleyard, former ambassador to China, 60; Lady Avebury, mental health planner, 64; Professor David Blake, composer and professor of music, York University, 62; Baroness Brigstocke, former High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 69; Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Lady of the Bedchamber to the Queen Mother, 80; Professor Dame Barbara Clayton. pathologist, 76; Mr Jimmv Connors, tennis player, 46; Mr Russ Conway, pianist and entertainer, 73; Professor David Daiches, former Professor of English, Sussex University, 86; Mr Andrew Dismore MP, 44; Sir Oliver Forster, former diplomat, 73; Mr Derek Fowlds, actor, 61; Sir Edward Goschen Bt, former deputy chairman, Stock Exchange, 85; Sir Marrack Goulding, Warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 62; Mr Michael Hastings, playwright, 60; Mr Leslie Hill, chairman ITV Association, 62; Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, 87; Mr Alan Hurst MP, 53; Mr Francis Matthews, actor, 67; Sir Patrick Moberly, former ambassador to South Africa, 70; Miss Patsy Rodenburg, Head of Voice at the Royal National Theatre and at the Guildhall School of Speech

and Drama, 45; Sir Patrick

Sheeby, former chairman,

BAT Industries, 68; Mr Vic-

tor Spinetti, actor and direc-

tor, 65; Mr Ronnie Stevens,

actor and director, 68; Gen-

eral Sir John Waters, for-

mer Deputy Supreme Allied

Commander, Europe, 63; The

Right Rev David Young, Bishop of Ripon, 67.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: John Howard, prison reformer, 1726; Peter Nikolaus Petersen, flautist and composer, 1761; Karl Friedrich August Hering, violinist and composer, 1819; Henry George, economist, 1839; Giovanni Verga, novelist and playwright, 1840; Friedrich Wilhelm Ostwald, chemist, 1853; Frederick Soddy, chemist and physicist, 1877; Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, diplomat and writer, 1887; Joseph Roth, writer, 1894; Lord George-Brown, statesman, 1914.

Deaths: Taddeo Zuccaro (Zucchero), painter, 1566; Karel van Mander, painter and poet, 1606; Giuseppe de Ribera ("Lo Spagnoletto"), painter, 1652; Lady Alice Lisle, widow of John Lisle, beheaded 1685; General Jean-Victor Marie Moreau, soldier, 1813; Thomas Telford, civil engineer, 1834; William Nicol, physicist, 1851; Sir William Rowan Hamilton, astronomer, 1865; Henri Rousseau, primitive painter, 1910; Henry Hertzberg Lawson, writer, 1922; Russ Columbo (Ruggiero Eugenio de Rudolpho), singer and composer, 1934; Baron Pierre de Coubertin, advocate of the modern Olympic Games, 1937; Philip Tennyson Cole, portrait painter, 1939; Tancred Borenius, art historian, 1948: Sir William Alexander Craigie, lexicogapher, 1957; John Ronald Reuel Tolkien,

On this day: Augustus Octavian defeated Antony at the Battle of Actium, 31 BC; the Great Fire of London began, 1666; the bombardment by the British of Copenhagen

began, 1807; the Battle of Omdurman was won against the Mahdists by an army led by Lord Kitchener, 1898; men between the ages of 19 and 41 were conscripted in Britain under the National Service Bill, 1939; Japan surrendered to the Allies, aboard the USS Missouri, 1945; the first television station in China was opened in Peking, 1958.

Today is the Feast Day of St Agricolus, St Antoninus of Pamiers, St Brocard, St Castor of Apt, St William of Roskilde and the Martyrs of Sentember 1792.

LECTURES

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Canaletto (): sunlight and shadows", 1pm Victoria and Albert Museum: Andrew Spira, "Medieval Carving", 2pm. Tate Gallery: James Heard, "Drawing Comparisons: Hockney and Gainsborough",

COACHMAKERS AND COACH HARNESS MAKERS' COMPANY

The Election Court Meeting of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers was held

yesterday evening at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, London EC4. A dinner was held afterwards. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Alan Waters, to be British High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands. Mr Jeremy Daniel Banks, Mrs Jane Lilian Beattie, Mr Lawrence Cohen, Mr Nicholas John Gregory, and Mrs Erica Frances Margaret Stary, to be district judges, on the South Eastern Mr Denis Edward

Lascelles, to be a district judge, on the North Eastern

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been announced by the Church of England:

The Rev Neville Beamer, Vicar, Vateley, and Rural Dean of Odham (Winchester); to be also Priest-in-Charge, Everaley (same diocese).

The Rev Peter Furber, Curain, Ringwood (Winchester); to be Priest-in-Charge, Great Malvern Christchurch (Worcester).

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(Worcester).
The Rev Katie Hysion, NSM, Upperby
St John the Baptist (Carliale): to be
Assistent Curais, same benefice.
The Rev Stunrt Kersley, Rector,
Kingston Buci (Chichester): to be Vicar,
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Kirdford (same diocase).
The Rev John Lawson, Team Vicar,
Dewsbury (Walesfield): to be Priest-inCharge, Bircheneliffe St Philip (same
diocase). diocese). The Rev Tom Maidment, Vicar, Heston

it." That same year when Hitler remilitarised the Rhineland, it was Baldwin's Cabinet that put pressure on France not to act. An American attempt early in 1938 to become involved in the

THE HISTORY of the word imbecile, the OED tells us, "can scarcely be disentangled from that of 'embezzle'." Both came from a Latin word imbecil-St Leonard with All Saints (London): to be View, Bolton le Sands Holy Trinity his meaning weak in body or mind and both were originally used as verbs meaning

¥ THE INDEPENDENT ARCHIVE

A time for mourning,

not commemoration

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50 years after the outbreak of the Second World War, Martin Gilbert argues that Britain was shamefully unprepared for the conflict

Austria and then the Sudetenland were absorbed by Hitler, both moves were rationalised by the British government as a mere incorporation of Germanspeaking peoples into the Reich.

Those who said that these were the first steps in an ag-gressive design were belittled as scaremongers. Those who believed that German aggression could be prevented by an alliance of all threatened states were derided as warmongers.

After Munich, Chamberlain saw a long-term peaceful settlement as the outcome of his efforts. For this reason he turned down repeated calls to set up a ministry of supply, or to introduce national service. Even an air ministry proposal to raise British aircraft production to the German level was rejected by Downing Street.

In February 1939 Chamberlain was confiding hopes that, "given three or four more years" of improving relations in Europe and an "advance towards disarmament", he could retire "with a quiet mind". When, a month after Chamberlain had expressed these hopes, Hitler urday 2 September 1989

occupied Prague, the alarm bells that had already been ringing for some time for many millions of Britons now rang, belatedly, in Downing Street. Even then, however, Chamberlain hesitated to throw the

war machinery into top gear. That autumn, last-minute feelers were sent to Berlin to find out if some territorial compromise might satisfy Hitler. Thirty-six hours after the German invasion of Poland on 1 September 1939, there was widespread indignation in the House of Commons when Chamberlain still spoke of the possibility of a German troop withdrawal Later that evening. even Chamberlain's Cabinet colleagues raised the flag of revolt, refusing to leave No 10 until he promised them that an ultimatum would be sent to Berlin.

Lack of adequate preparation and a tardy response are hardly cause for commemoration. In due course, with Hitler the victor in Poland, Denmark and Norway, and with his armies sweeping through Holland. Belgium and France, the British people - still poorly armed as a result of pre-war neglect - found extraordinary reserves of courage and a new leadership. These, the achievements and struggles of the summer of 1940, are the true themes of national commemoration.

The very nature of the war from its first days – belies commemoration. Of the 46 million people who perished, the majority were civilians. It might be more appropriate to mourn the start of such a conflict than to commemorate it.

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Words

WILLIAM HARTSTON imbecile, n., v. or adj.

and embezzle for financial crime came only recently. When Shelley, in Queen Mab (1813), referred to use of imbecile specifically "his stunted stature and for mental enfeeblement

Macaulay (1855) wrote that the British administration had been "constantly becoming more and more imbecile" neither used the word in the modern sense.

It was Dr Johnson's fault, however, that we spell it with one T: he had the erroneous impression that the Latin from which imbecile frame", and when it derived was imbecilis.

philologist and novelist, 1973.

Living with the enemy

The US raids have focused attention on Islam, and British Muslims are feeling beleaguered. By Steve Crawshaw

orget the far-flung dra-mas of the past fortnight including the smoking ruins of the pharmaceuticals factory in Sudan, and the local fury when cruise missiles hit Afghanistan (on purpose) and Pakistan (by mistake). For Britain at least, the most significant potential effect of the strange American punitive raids could perhaps be seen in recent days in an unexceptional little mosque-cum-commu ity centre - a kind of Islamic church hall - in north London

Sheikh Omar Bakri Mohammed, one of the fieriest supporters in Britain of Osama bin Laden - the alleged terrorist mastermind who is now congratulating himself on his new found international fame - was in full flow at the Turnpike Lane mosque. He is a would-be Ian Paisley for the British Muslim world – full of fire and brimstone and eloquent invective. His anger never lets up. He wags his finger and shakes his bushy beard. He modulates his voice from a roar to a whisper and back to a roar. Always the message is the same: The war that has been declared by America has been declared on all Muslims."

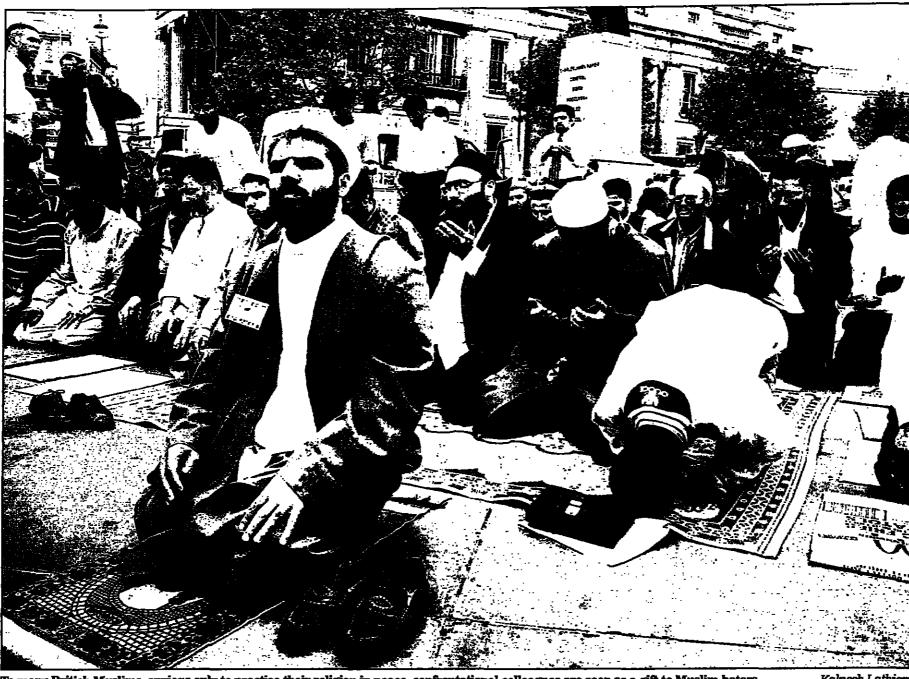
He is scornful of "chocolate Muslims" – brown on the outside, white on the inside, always ready to melt - saying that their compromises have got them nowhere. Those moderate, chocolate Muslims voted for Tony Blair. And what did he do? He slapped them in the face."

His mostly young audience sit rapt, interrupting the two-hour discourse only occasionally with enthusiastic chants for radical action including violence. Bakri tells them: "Continue the struggle, support the mujahedin, support the Islamic movement." Occasionally the sheikh is interrupted by a trilling noise, indicating that somebody has forgotten the stern injunction on the walls: "Have you switched your phone off? If not, do it now." From behind a set of hospital screens comes the noise of children playing with their mothers, separated from the male members of the audience.

Bakri's readiness with an inflammatory quote has got him into trouble. Donald Anderson, Labour chair of the Commons foreign affairs select committee, called for the Government to examine the possibility. of expelling him from the UK, because of his active endorsement of attacks on US "government targets". In Mr Anderson's words, Most people in the UK will be asking themselves why we are harbouring people who are inciting terrorism." James Clappison, the Conservative home affairs spokesman, weighed in with warnings of a "threat to national security".

It would no doubt be easy for the authorities to find grounds for expelling the Syrian-born Sheikh Bakri - as he himself seems cheerfully ready to acknowledge. "Don't worry about being deported - Allah will provide." he tells his listeners. Mr Bakri. leader of "al-Muhajiroun" the Emigrants - was granted refugee status in 1990. But he is not the Government's favourite guest; he is under constant surveillance. As he himself notes: "It's a hostile relationship. The Government comes to interrogate us all the time."

The package of anti-terror legislation that Tony Blair announced last week would for the first time make it an offence to conspire to commit terrorist offences outside the UK. however, scarcely tackle the problem



To many British Muslims, anxious only to practise their religion in peace, confrontational colleagues are seen as a gift to Muslim-haters

Kalpesh Lathigra

The proposals have been in the of alienation. He seems ready to enpipeline for a year - and a government consultative paper was due to be published in January. It was delayed because of the difficulty of framing the legislation. One problem. has been that foreign governments are often quick to accuse their radical critics of being "terrorists" without providing acceptable proof.

According to critics of the existing rules, Britain has become a haven for extremists because of an alleged excess of British laissezfaire. Omar Bakri and his al-Muhajiroun represent just one of a clutch of groups that delight in clashing with what they perceive as the imposed, un-Islamic values of the host state. The buzz-phrase is "the sovereignty of God" - in other words, no loyalty to a secular state. Certainly, Mr Bakri shows no enthusiasm for loyalty to the Crown. He applied for a British passport when he first arrived in the UK, and says that he would still be happy to have one, though that is now hardly on the cards. He would, he says, find the

passport useful "as a travel card". If he is expelled, he says, he would be glad to go to Afghanistan. home of the Taliban and of his hero. Osama bin Laden. "It would be an honour." So far, so good. That might make everybody happy.

The removal of Mr Bakri would,

courage his audience to go further than he can, because of the terms of the agreement he signed when he was granted refugee status. "Those of us who are refugees cannot indulge in struggle. But those who are British ... The sentence is left dangling in the air. Mr Bakri's accent betrays his Middle Eastern birth. Most of his audience, by contrast, are Lon-

Omar Bakri does not represent all Muslims, or even the mainstream. Some argue that he must be a stooge, because he is so "extremely suspect" - a gift to Muslim-haters everywhere. Certainly, Bakri's enthusiastic young supporters are wrong to suggest "100 per cent" support. Even his own estimate of 80 per cent is clearly overstated. None the less, the American action is a boon

the US raids, and the British support for those raids, have made the prospects for an integrated society worse than ever before. "I feel rather saddened, rather chastened. The attack was irrational; it draws in the wrath of the Islamic world so that there is no difference between moderate and radical. It unchains a spiralling cycle of violence, a

'One kind of terrorism is never curbed by another kind of terrorism. It only strengthens their case. It makes the world more dangerous'

for Bakri - as even his critics re-

luctantly admit. He himself says that

doners born and bred; no legislation in the world could get rid of them to a foreign country. Bakri himself argues: "Don't they realise that if Osama bin Laden is killed and Omar Bakri is deported, the struggle will continue?" In this at least it seems difficult to challenge his logic. Omar Bakri is not alone. And as for Clinton's "pre-eminent organiser of international terrorism in the world today", Osama bin Laden (assassinated martyr) does not sound like a scenario that would enable American citizens or visitors to Planet Hollywood to sleep easier in their beds than Osama bin Laden (troublemaking bigmouth).

Many Muslims point out that

he has received a flood of support in the wake of last month's raids. He has been giving a string of well attended speeches - in Birmingham, Leicester, Sheffield and Derby in one day alone - and claims that attendance is much higher than usual.

Even at the super-tolerant end of the Islamic spectrum, nagging doubts and despair can be found, in response to the American raids and the British gung-ho support for them. Professor Akbar Ahmed, of Selwyn College, Cambridge, has played a key role in Britain working for Christian-Muslim tolerance and understanding. But he believes that

Speaking last Tuesday afternoon, Ahmed said: "Some guy in Cairo, Karachi, Delhi, Birmingham or London will see an innocent target, and they will suffer. It's just spiralling out of control." Hours later, a bomb exploded in the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Johannesburg, killing one person and wounding 28. Ahmed was bitter that he had been proved right so swiftly. "Unfortunately, it doesn't surprise me at all. Anyone, anywhere, any time is vulnerable." He speaks with bitter irony of the impact of Clinton's actions. "Brilliantly, Clinton has given a focus, to radicalise Muslims. We can try to put a lid on this. But it's open season."

It is hard to find a Muslim who

does not feel battered by the events of last month. Bill Clinton began his speech with a few words of politesse about "hundreds of millions of good, peace-loving people" and about the "great religion" of Islam. But few seem to treat those words as anything more than a meaningless verbal twirl, to be capped by the "Oh

and by the way, we've bombed you" punch line. The East London Mosque on Whitechapel Road has a mixed

congregation from different counthemselves from the inflammatory rhetoric of Omar Bakri in the Turnike Lane mosque. But they too, are dismayed by the American raids. As one man said: "There's no point getting angry. I just feel sad." Another argued: "Let's put it this way. If it were the other way round - if a Muslim country did that to America or England - what would you feel?" A third makes a point that is repeatedly heard, with reference to last month's bomb in Omagh. "The fear of Islam is well known. When it is a Muslim, the headline always says 'Muslim fanatic', or 'Muslim terrorist'. But when 28 people died, who did it? The headline should

innocent people'." Interpreted generously, part of the asoning behind the Sudan and Afghanistan raids seems to be that

have said 'Christian fanatics kill

tough action against one group will decourager les autres. Bill Clinton's declaration that there would be "no sanctuary for terrorists" picked up directly on Ronald Reagan's famous declaration - "You can run, but you can't hide". In reality, as the bomb in Johannesburg made clear, the boot may be on the other foot.
The perceived injustice is likely only to increase Muslim anger - and thus, from a small, "Real IRA"-style minority, the violence. In Northern Ireland, the prospects for further terrorism are poor - even the "Real IRA" seems to be on the retreat - because talking and compromise have topped the agenda in recent months. The contrast with the Middle East could hardly be more stark.

There are plenty in Bakri's congregation who share his radical views and his acceptance of violence. He is ready to "endorse attacks on US forces", saying: "We are at war with the forces that have occupied our land." But, with what in other contexts might be described as Jesuitical precision, he insists: "I don't say, 'Do it.' I say: 'It is allowed [by Islam].' It is a question of jurisprudence." And then, as a fiery postscript: "Do you want me to compromise?" The answer from his audience comes back: "No!" Bakri distances himself from civilian deaths - "collateral damage", as the military like to call it. "If I kill women or children, condemn me!"

But some of his congregation have no such qualms. One man, describing himself as a civil servant, declares: "We endorse the [embassyl bombings – and call for more. Military targets - anything to do with the government. If civilians die, and they're not targeted - that's what war is about."

Moderate Muslims argue that violence is itself abhorrent to Islam. Professor Ahmed notes that the two most important appellations of Allah are Rahman and Rahim Compassionate and Merciful.

missioner for Racial Equality and now chair of the British-Muslim Forum, insists: "Islam preaches peace. We as Muslims condemn terrorism carried out by states or individuals - Osama bin Laden, Abu Nidal, whoever." He is dismissive of "self-appointed leaders" like Bakri, who "manage to grab headlines just because they say such nasty things". But he cannot understand why the United States, backed by Britain, "got involved in terrorism of a second type". "Previously, the US was the first country to go to the [United Nations] Security Council. tries. Most are keen to distance In this case, it never involved the Security Council or its members. Nobody was told. It's very sad, and sets a wrong precedent." Despite his in sistence that somebody like Bakri is a fringe figure, he believes the knock-on effects of last week's raids are clear. "One kind of terrorism is never curbed by another kind of terrorism. It only strengthens their case. It makes the world a more dangerous place."

Professor Ahmed, an increasingly embattled voice of moderation, sees the prospects in equally bleak terms. "Compassion, justice, tolerance - the West does not see any of these factors. It sees things only as a matter of geopolitics. I feel almost that I am facing a tidal wave. On the one hand, you've got the missiles. On the other hand, you've got the extremists. It's difficult to do a King Canute. But you just have to try."

The true madness of war

Spielberg's recreation of the hell of battle doesn't come close. By **Paul Lashmar**

Spielberg's film Saving Private Ruan are so horrifically accurate that they have reportedly triggered nightmares and flashbacks in D-Day veterans. Amid the grim shambles of hand-to-hand fighting, arterial blood spurts rhythmically and dying men cry for their mothers.

We are only now beginning to understand how war affects soldiers. Spielberg's film covers the Normandy landings where much modern combat research began. Studies of US soldiers showed that 98 per cent of fighting men cracked after 35 days of active front-line fighting. Only 2 per cent of soldiers actually enjoyed battle and did not crack. Military doctors considered them aggressive psychopaths. In the First World War, the diag-

nosis of "shell shock" proved that soldiers who suffered breakdowns were not malingerers. Lord Moran. later Churchill's doctor, served as a medical officer In his book Anatomy of Courage, he describes a Sergeant Turner who was unable to speak and trembled, although "trying to keep his limbs still... It was plain to me the game was up and he was done. When this sort of thing happens to a good fellow it is final".

THE COMBAT scenes in Steven Moran knew Turner to be a man of exemplary courage. A remarkable discovery by US

researchers in the Second World War was that many "stable" men could not kill - soldiers who went into battie yet never fired their weapons. Lieutenant Robert G Cole was in charge of the 502nd Parachute Infantry, considered one of the best units in the US army. Yet when they were being attacked along the Carenton Causeway on 10 June 1944, he found it impossible to make his men fire: "Not one man in 25 voluntarily fired. There was no cover, their only protection was to continue a fire which would make the enemy keep his head down. They all knew this but could not force emselves to act upon it."

A Korean War study of the US Air Force's famed 51st Fighter Wing, known as the MiG-killers, revealed that half their pilots had never fired their guns - and of the half that fired,

only 10 per cent had hit anything. Fear in fiction is usually a few beads of sweat. Fear in real battle is often debilitating. In a study of US combat soldiers in 1944, more than half admitted they became sick to their stomachs, felt faint and lost control of their bowels in battle.

ports on a battle in 1003 between English and Danish armies. Aelfric, the English commander became couldn't continue, and the Danes routed their adversaries.

Soldiers do run away; it's a fact of war, and a good commander knows that a frightened unit can undermine an army. In 480 BC, Leonidas was in command of a force of Spartans holding the pass of Thermopylae. He realised that some troops, shaken in earlier action, were likely to break Herodotus wrote that Leonidas "dismissed them when he realised they had no heart for the fight" and that, when the battle was about to start, two soldiers claimed that they were suffering from an "acute inflammation of the eyes" and retreated to the rear. One returned to the front line, but the second, Aristodemus, "finding his heart failed him", stayed in safety. After the battle, he "found himself in such disgrace that he

hanged himself". Soldiers can develop combat reactions within seconds. At the battle of Eylau, in 1807, a Russian cannonball ripped past a French

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle re- shock paralysed the officer in the middle of the fight. Eventually the battle moved elsewhere, and the officer's horse calmly walked away, violently ill and began to vomit. He taking its paralysed passenger to

safety. He came out of shock later. Battle exhaustion is the first level of psychological stress. During the Normandy campaign the British army had battle exhaustion units just behind the lines. For every 1,000 men with physical wounds, "combat stress" affected a further 200 - though 60-65 per cent of sol-diers could be returned to their units after 10 days, according to Dr Desmond Murphy, a veteran and leading military psychiatrist.

An analysis of psychiatric casualties of D-Day that appeared in The Lancet of August 1944 did not exactly show an enlightened attitude. "Of 100 psychiatric casualties received from the beachhead during the first 10 days, six were severe chronic neurotics, five could be regarded as cases of pure physical exhaustion, two were schizophrenics and the rest men with a history of childhood neurosis who had adjusted superficially in maturity."

There is now a mounting body of evidence that suggests that most officer, knocking off his hat. The front-line veterans will suffer psy-



D-Day fighting was so intense that the British army set up special battle exhaustion units MSI

chological scarring. We are only PTSD symptoms grew worse after now beginning to understand the retirement. Elite units are not effects of battle. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has been defined only in the last 20 years.

Jack Daniel, a gunner in the Desert Rats (who fought Rommel in North Africa), estimated that "about 50 per cent of my mates hit the bottle upon returning. I had nightmares after the war. It wasn't done to consult a 'trick cyclist'. If you went to the doctor, it was about a related symptom, like not sleeping."

One research project on Dutch

retirement. Elite units are not immune. Studies of paratroop regiments that fought in the Falklands showed that, five years on, 22 per cent of men still serving had fullblown PTSD symptoms.

The technology of mass slaughter has raised the stakes. It was no coincidence that, with the advent of the machine gun and the sustained artillery barrage, shell shock was finally recognised. Richard Gabriel, in his book No More Heroes, says: "To understand the development of resistance veterans showed that war is to recognise a single indis-

putable fact: not only is war becoming more lethal in terms of its ability to kill and maim, but it is farmore destructive in its ability to drive soldiers mad."

What keeps soldiers returning to the front line is camaraderie. As Jack Daniel recalled: "I remember being sent away from the front on a task. I can't tell you the pleasure of sleeping in a bed ... But I felt I had to get back as quickly as possible to rejoin my mates. It was this team spirit that kept you fighting when you wanted to run away - you just couldn't leave your mates."

Tariq Azim-Khan, a former Com-



Be wary of your e-mail admirer

Cyber stalking by e-mail is a growing problem as wierdos from around the world go online. By Kate Mikhail

taking off via e-mail and love on the Internet are commonplace, but there is a downside to electronic communication. There is an insidious tendency already causing a backlash in America, which people in the UK are only just waking up to: known as spam (unwanted junk email), flame-mail (e-mail bullying) and now cyber-stalking.

For Lucy, 25, it all started just after Valentine's Day when she received a phone call claiming to be from the "Electronic Valentine's Service" with the message: "Tve only got eyes for you."

friend having a joke but, a few confront him. phone calls later, "it was blindingly obvious my friends knew nothing about it". The messages, intriguingly, were from a total stranger.

"It was very flattering," she admits. "And I did play along at the beginning. I was very excited about it. I even thought 'God, it might be someone really nice'.

Before she knew it, Lucy's secret admirer had set

up an anonymous e mail address 'At first I was really and tracked down excited - I thought it address, and the might be someone messages startreally nice - but as mails she received were his information laden with cryptic became more clues about who the man really personal, I began to was, and where he worked, and a get concerned'

swers soon took hold. Mr X as he sometimes called sage: "It has been a good game, but himself, maintained that he was acting on behalf of someone else, and used a number of red-herring alias-

flirty game of

questions and an-

es to throw Lucy off his scent. When she asked why he had decided to contact her, he said: "I was in a Valentine's Day mood, I was feeling frivolous. From what I'd seen, you appeared to be a bouncy, bubbly, smiley person, the type I'd like to know... contact was a challenge." He asked her what she wore "when alone in bed", and promptly sent her a baggy T-shirt.

He knew where she worked and where she went for lunch, but when the information he had on her became too personal she began to get worried. "He had found out my mother's name, and had watched me walk the dogs on the beach on my own. He knew the dogs' names, and had worked out where I lived. He had even been to the gym where I'm a act has made stalking by someone member, as he said, 'I saw you last

ales of office romance night, and I like the blue swimmingcostume'. It was getting creepy."

Some days Lucy would receive up to five or six e-mails, and if she didn't reply he would e-mail her. "Are you there? Anybody there?", and then "5". "4", "3". and so on, in an effort to get her to answer him.

"At this point I didn't know who he was, what he looked like, or if, when I went for lunch, he was behind me or not."

Given the clues that he had given her, Lucy managed to track down Mr X, who, it turned out, worked in an office opposite her own office window. And once she knew who he was she felt "frantic about knowing what At first she assumed it was a he looked like" and determined to "I sent him an e-mail saying 'as

soon as you get this why not call me'." And, sitting with her back to the window, she set up a number of mirrors so that she could tell who he was when he picked up the phone.

Having identified him, she confronted him in the lobby of his building. The person she met was a "shifty-looking" 50-year-old man,

who wouldn't meet her eye, and still maintained he was the go-between acting en someene Lucy found the meeting very disturbing. In her brnch break she went to the police with all her evidence, and the next morning she received a bunch of flowers

with the mesnow it's the end."

The e-mails have all but stopped, so Lucy has decided not to take further action, other than to keep her office blinds closed at all times.

Victim Support has had a lot of experience of stalker cases. "It is all to do with mind games and creating fear and mental intimidation," says a spokesperson. "It is intended to make the other person feel weak The e-mail is just another tool to do that, and it is anouymous.

With e-mails you never know how far or how close your tormentor is; they could be in the same office or across the country and, as the victim, you're just left waiting to see what's going to happen, and when."

Thanks to the Protection from Harassment Act, which came into force in June 1997, victims no longer have to endure harassment, as the

Causing fear of violence carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and/or an unlimited fine,

while causing harassment carries

the threat of six months in prison.

and/or a £5,000 fine. However, a spokesman for Scotland Yard admitted that if the unwanted attention came from abroad, via the Internet for example, there would be little the law could do.

Patrick, 26, had to call in a lawyer when an innocent exchange over the Net went badly wrong, "My flatmate and I came back from the pub one night, we'd had a bit to drink and started playing on the Internet. We went into one of the chat rooms and met a young lady from Kentucky who said her husband beat her up."

Patrick left the room for five minutes and his friend gave the woman his address. Within days, Ralph Lauren shirts and long, hand-

riving at his flat. "She said she was going to come to England to get married to me and have my children. At first it was quite funny. She also told me that she had inherited a farm in Kentucky, and was I going to move

out to Kentucky with her? Patrick's admirer started sending photographs of herself with progressively fewer clothes on, until she was naked, and continued to tell him all about her life and her marriage problems. Over a six-month period he received 40 letters, which he never answered. "Then I got a letter saying she was divorcing the guy, and I was going to be named in a divorce case in Kentucky. I panicked at that point. I was really scared that

she was going to turn up in London." Patrick, who works in a bank, decided things had got out of hand and called in a lawyer to ask her to leave him alone. He received only one letwould forget me". He has decided to steer clear of chat rooms in future. Computer communication is, in

the main, harmless, but its anonymity provides the perfect cover for those wanting to harass others and, in a sinister twist, people can and do disguise their addresses or use other people's PCs to protect their identity further.

"You can be anything. You can pretend to be any sex, any age. You can lie about what you look like, oranything. It gives complete anonymity," says a spokesperson for Novell, a software company that has carried out research into spamming and cyber-stalking.

"It is important to keep your address to yourself. Don't give it to chat groups. Once it's on the Internet. you're open to spam, and open to cyber-stalking."

Debbie, 28, who works from home

Internet when she first went freelance, and made a lot of contacts. thought, I don't want to be rude', so I replied. He seemed okay at first,

but became strange and obsessive." If Debbie failed to give an immediate response to his messages, he would complain: "Why haven't you replied to my e-mail today? Where

have you been?" For the next six months, Debbie found herself bombarded with emails that became increasingly offensive and obscene, She tried to reason with her antagonist, but once he realised she was upset he

simply stepped up his attack. "The messages got personal, pornographic, and also violent, which was very intimidating."

The cyber-stalker used a number of PCs, or would mail her from a

client. Generally, the messages took the form of old-fashioned dirty phone "One was very friendly and I calls, with questions about her underwear and various obscene sexual propositions.

"If I had been working in an office, I could have gone home and left it behind; but my office is in my house, so it is very personal. You feel you've been violated, that they have got right into your house. It's as if they've got a direct line to you, and you can't help wondering if they

somehow know your address." In the end, Debbie hit back with "very strongly worded e-mail", threatening to call in the police and "sue the pants" off her stalker, which seemed to do the trick.

"You have to remember," she points out with hindsight, "that there are a lot of weirdos out there; and with the Internet you get access unknown to the victim a criminal act. written, perfumed letters started ar- ter after that, saying, "I knew you as a market researcher, regularly cyber-café to give the appearance, to all of them, all over the world."



Lucy, whose e-mail stalker told her: 'From what I'd seen, you appeared to be a bouncy, bubbly, smiley person, the type I'd like to know

John Lawrence



Even Mary Poppins flew the coop in the end

Don't nanny your nanny

Honesty is the only policy if you want a stable relationship. By Gwenda Joyce-Brophy

WHEN ONE of my best friends posched the namey it was worse than if she had gone off with my husband"... "Just as I thought I had settled the nanny in with the twins and made the decision to go back to my architectural practice, she left"... "The new namny had a clutch of certificates in first aid and swimming, and she was great with the baby. I had only been in my job for a month when she went"

Tales of namy turnover abound from the disappointed, frustrated or apoplectic parents they leave in their wake. Yet it is a myth that namy turnover is high everywhere, that money is always the root of the problem and - crucially for working parents - that it is inevitable.

True, London, with its pockets of high double-income earners and expatriates who are willing and able to pay top salaries, has hiked the demand and thus the market price for a good namey, which is inevitably MSI tempting to footloose nannies.

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London, however, is not the UK. in a short time that it reflects badly "There is probably less nanny turnover outside the capital," says Leila Potter, whose Cheshire based Bunbury Agency is in its 30th year. "Outside London there is a lower concentration of nannies and so fewer opportunities for people to see, and bag, a friend's namy."

Yet many households can suffer high turnover wherever they are located and whatever the prevailing market forces. It is generally acknowledged that too frequent nanny changes are detrimental to children, while the endless searchand-hire process is time-consuming and stressful for all - yet most nannies, according to agencies, are not motivated solely by money and want to settle with a family.

So what can exacerbate - and reduce - turnover? Charlotte Breese and Hilaire Gomer, authors of The Good Nanny Guide, do not mince their words. Women worry when they have a high turnover of nannies

on them. They are right, it does." The motto should, it seems, be "Know thyself" or at least "Be honest with thyself". Employers may say what they want but do not always know what they really want. Nor do they always interview perceptively. But it is these factors that lay the foundations for the relationship, for "it is about compatabilities as much as capabilities" says Ms Potter.

Jackie Lewis has run North London Nannies since 1983. "Nanny turnover is a subject close to my heart, and the most important thing is dialogue, dialogue and dialogue. You need to make expectations clear at the start. It is no good, two days into the contract, saying: 'Oh, by the way. I forgot to tell you that the toilet needs cleaning.' If employers are in doubt as to what is acceptable they should bounce off ideas with an agency, saying: 'We want the namy

to do this, is it fair?" " Sue Redden, a training and

"You should never forget that, however much part of the family the nanny becomes, it is still an employer-employee relationship, and the namy deserves respect as ment abilities or want broader such. We hold 'catch-up' discus- experience than you have, find an sions regularly and appraisals twice a year, including a salary review. I also decided right at the start that we would be honest with each other really looking for from your nanny. about any niggles that otherwise

would drive the other mad." It is a

strategy that seems to have worked; the namy is now in her third year. And then there is the big question: live-in or live-out namy? "The turnover of live in nannies can be greater because of the strain on all parties," say Breese and Gomer, a consequence apparently of the loss of privacy to all parties, of the effort involved in living alongside someone else (remember flat-sharing?), as well as any unresolved issues

"talk, talk" philosophy into practice. boyfriend, is also less sensitive if the nanny lives out. Investing time in good matching

recruitment consultant, has put the ents' role. And that hot potato, the

at the start will pay dividends. If you doubt your own interview/judgeestablished agency that you trust to do it. Be honest with yourself - and Know your tolerance level about having someone else in the house. Possibly a live-out nanny may suit you better if it is practical. Be realistic. Nannies do move on - even the "practically perfect" Mary Poppins did in the end.

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You ask the questions

Such as, Howard Marks: How can someone who's smoked as much dope as you remember things with any clarity?

ward Marks, 53, was born in South Wales. In 1964. he went to Balliol College, Oxford, to read physics. After university, he carved out a career smuggling large quantities of marijuana and by the mid-Eighties, he was Britzin's most wanted man. He had 43 aliases and ran 25 companies as drug-running front organisations. Eventually he was extradited from Spain to the US where he spent seven years in prison. Married with four children. he is the author of Mr Nice, his autobiography.

Introduce yourself to a stranger who has never heard of you in one

Rick McEwen, Brighton I'm a temporarily unemployed dope smuggler

Hash or weed? Jon Cox, Oxford

I prefer the strongest hash to the strongest weed. These days, however, street weed is generally far stronger than street hash.

What's your favourite type of marijuana? Simon Roberts, Shepherd's Bush Very strong skunk.

Colombian Gold, Zero Zero, Afghani Black - which is your favourite tipple? Daniel Myers, Camden

If we are referring to the best of each type offered, my favourite is Afghani

Would you ever consider writing fiction? If so, what would you write about? Rob Peel, Nottingham

I have considered writing fiction but have no reason to believe I would be any good at it. I'm sure that if I did make any attempt, I would be too nervous to stray away from drugsmuggling plots.

In your book you go into great detail about your drug-dealing, recounting dates, phone calls and locations exactly. How can someone who smoked as much dope as you did remember things with such clarity?

There are two main reasons: adversely affect that part of my

(2) Under the United States Freedom of Information Act, I was able to obtain copies of all documentary and electronic evidence that the United States Drug Enforcement Administration had amassed against me. They amounted to several dozen boxes and contained detailed observation reports. Consequently, if I needed to know where I was and what I did on a particular date, I would consult the appropriate observation report.

Do you find that you have to live "up" to the role of professional criminal?

Alice Morgan Crime is no longer my profession, and when it was, I pretended it wasn't. So there's nothing to live up

Does the naïve adoration of your audiences affect you?



All adoration does.

Do you find yourself seduced by an individual belongs. I make my Jon Cox Ditto

(1) Dope does not appear to I am aware of that danger and do my best to avoid it.

> Do you feel concern about your association with and contributions to the coffers of organised crime and the IRA, when we know all too well the suffering they can inflict?

Organised crime has penetrated everywhere, including most legitimate businesses. New York garbage collection, for example, is entirely Mafia-controlled. This is well known by the dustmen, but appears to present them with few ethical problems. It is no more surprising to find the Mafia participating in drug-dealing than dealing in any other commodity or service. Given the large profits engendered in the trade of illegal recreational drugs, one can expect

their participation to be enthusiastic. Although I did smuggle hashish with someone who claimed to be an IRA man, the IRA officially denied that he was a member. I am utterly opposed to any activity which results in the slaughter of innocents.

one basis.

involved in the club scene, and what motivated you to do so? in high regard, and what album you reach for while "relaxing"? Paul Stewart

turned out to be popular with today's tunes. The rest followed naturally.

Shanti and Derek Delarge. At present, my relaxation is provided by Red Snapper's new album, Mok-

How much hash do you smoke per day?

scant attention to which organisation what had you been doing inside?

How have you become so actively Which producers/DJs do you hold

There has always been considerable overlap of drugs and music. My book members of the dance culture. I like

I particularly like Tricky, Sid

Matt Myers Between 20 and 30 joints.

When you met Iain Sinclair and Marc Atkins coming out of the M15 At the front of your book, you say building opposite Millbank (while they were researching the book law. What area? Why law?

Nevertheless, I must admit I pay "Lights out for the Territory"),

allowed further in than the fover.

How close do you think we are to the legislation of cannabis in the UK and how do you see the current explosion in drugs such as Viagra and the new slimming pill? David Hall, Maidenhead, Berks Not close. Viagra sales make the illegality of cannabis appear even more hypocritical and ridiculous than it has been so far. But hypocrisy is no bar to a politician's progress.

Do you still have problems with the police? Susie Harris, Camberwell

Not at all. Many of them, particularly senior ones, share my views.

do you think you would have done instead? Ed Sinclair, Sheffield I would have become a teacher a profession I greatly enjoyed.

If you hadn't got into dope, what

you're considering a career in

William Crook, Epping Forest During my years in prison, I was a jailhouse lawyer. When I was rewas before I was offered an advance

What's your worst memory of being in prison? Graham Garner, Epsom It changes, but is often the day I heard that my son Patrick had jumped off a roof and broken his legs.

to write a book.

Do you feel that becoming an unofficial spokesperson for getting stoned has given you licence not to grow up?

Jules Ferguson, Glasgow I have never objected to the process of growing up and have not consciously attempted to slow down my own progress in this regard. Accordingly, I have not sought such licence. I do, of course, accept that the age of today's average pot smoker is far less than it was.

What's the most paranoid moment you've ever had while smoking dope?

use some of my experience to enable drugs? Have they read your book, early release of prisoners. But that and what do they think of your If you were invisible for one day, past? Clare Budd, Banbury

I neither encourage nor discourage drug use. I know they are more likely to experiment than not, which is why I am against prohibition. My three oldest children have

read my book. As much of my past is their past, it's a difficult question My children are aware of my

strengths and my weaknesses. How would you rather spend the

next 24 hours: tripping on acid, pissed on vodka, stoned, or all Steve Hunter, Wirral Obviously, all three.

What's your all-time favourite album? Tina Currie, Edinburgh Blonde on Blonde, by Bob Dylan

What are you doing right now and what can you see in front of you? Lizzie Forge, Colchester

I have never suffered from paranoia. I'm in Edinburgh psyching myself up for my last performance at the How do you feel about your child- Edinburgh Film Festival. I can see

> where would you go and what would you do? Pattie Lewis, Stoke Newington I would plant cannabis seeds

NEXT WEEK: SOPHIE DAHL

Please send any questions you would like to put to Sophie Dahl, the size 14 model and granddaughter

everywhere.

of the children's novelist Roald Dahl, to; You Ask The Questions, Features. The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5DL; by fax on 0171-293 2182; or e-mail them to yourquestions@independent. co.uk by lunch time on Friday 4 September.

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IRRITATIONS OF MODERN LIFE

13: SMALL STICKERS ON FRUIT BY OLIVER BENNETT

where the actual appearance of the

accept this as a fait accompli of product - its shape, colour and capitalism. Normally I believe that freshness - provides the incentive to purchase, not the packaging. only killjoys hate branding. Packing, labelling and the sundry other Okay, the market rationale might be ephemera of mercantile society - it is that the label strengthens brand all there to be enjoyed. But not little recognition and lodges in our memory, stickers on fruit, which are sent making sure we feel good about Costa simply to try us. Why should these Rica, Bonita or New Zealand Reds and innocent-seeming interventions annoy functioning as a quality control. me so much? Partly it is the nature of Possibly. I also accept that stickers the product. Fruit should be pure. alert consumers to the provenance of graceful, unsullied. As the first and final foodstuff to be tasted before the the fruit, which may have a function in enabling us to make enlightened geo-

onset of original sin - one can say with political choices - those tell-tale some certainty that Eve's apple bore no sticker - fruit somehow remains primordial, sensual and carefree. Fruit is a food of the gods. Suffice to say that there is a romance to fruit that cannot help but be corrupted by the hard-edged world of marketing. Of course we all know that fruit is just

another product, and marketing

sticker on a fruit ever influence

influences our choice. But when did a

someone's decision to buy one apple

would bet, for this is surely one sector

or pear over another? Very rarely, I

ALL THINGS are branded. We have to

It is not as if marketing itself is the problem. I even begrudgingly admit that some fruit stickers can carry memorable graphics – the blue oval that once told us one's banana came via the Fyffes corporation somehow adhered to the memory bank. But even when they are attractive, they still seem to perform no real function apart from to be a sticky nuisance. Not

stickers may have helped the

these are negligible benefits.

politically righteous to avoid Cape

Grannies all those years ago. But

only do they create unnecessary labour on the production line, they also create unnecessary work for the consumer, who has to peel them off

and remove the inevitable gum stain. The issue gets higher-key when the sticker goes right onto the epidermis of fruit such as apples and pears. Even after washing, there often remains a bogey-like smudge. And then, after peeling off, they are extremely difficult to throw away. Like old sticking plasters, they seem to end up in some part of oneself - sole of foot, back of jacket - where they taunt you from an invisible position.

But I am fighting a losing battle: there are growing hordes of fruit sticker aficionados, particularly in the US, where there is a fashion for people to put them on their fridge doors. There is a fruit sticker fanzine from Austin, Texas with the odd title Please Stop Snickering. And there are the websites. "Stickers enhance nutrition!" proclaims one. Fruitbats, the lot of them. As far as I am concerned one message should ring loud and clear - Keep Fruit Naked.

High jinks

and taxi horns

Denmark's Greta Garbo

Actress Bodil Kjer rejected Hollywood, found fame in her homeland and international acclaim at the age of 70 in Babette's Feast. But she still has one regret. By Marianne Gray

BODIL KJER is a household name in novella from which Axel adapted his Denmark, even if she barely gets a film. Kjer, part Simone Signoret, part mention outside the arthouse foyer in Katherine Hepburn, is nevertheless the UK. Admittedly, this is something of a ciché in the ghettoised realm of European cinema, but there are not manyfilm stars who are able to claim, as Kjer can, to have lent their name to their homeland's equivalent of the Oscar the Bodil

The week, the 81-year-old Kjer, star of 60 ilms, more than 100 plays and countess radio and television productions, is undertaking a rare visit to London to attend a gala screening of one of her greatest films, Babette's Fens (1987 winner of the Best Foreign FilmOscar), which on Sunday opens



a nine-film season of Danish cinema at the National Film Theatre. The Nneties have borne witness to a resurgence in Denmark's cinematic firtunes, a success for which Gabriel exel's wry fable arguably laid the groundwork. Lars von Trier's Breakno the Wooes earned Denmark a furher Oscar nomination and the roportific film-maker's inspired hospital irama for Danish television won itself hat rare accolade, an international cinematic release as The Kingdom

and The Kingdom II. In recognition of the seminal role of Babette's Feast in the Danish film renaissance, Kjerwill recite part of her own interpretation of the Karen Blixen

playing down her role as the Grand Old Dame of Danish cinema. "I will only be reading part of my interpretation of Babette's Feast, otherwise it would take all night! The whole thing is more than two hours in length, almost as long as the film."

At a time when most actresses of her age are in their dotage, Kjer is headlining in television, booked for more stagework and would love to do another film. Since 1995 alone, she has played Hermann Broch's gruelling Celine on stage and, antil last year, she was touring with AR Gurney's Love Letters. Her co-star in Gurney's twohander was her husband and longtime acting partner Ebbe Rode, who died

two months ago, aged 87.
"I wonder why I've continued to work for so long," she laughs. "Maybe it's because I am very shy and when I work I am not shy.

"Next year, for the 250th anniversary of the Royal Theatre Iin Copenhagen), I am working on stage in a Karen Blixen story I will play a witch." The Royal Theatre has a personal

significance for Kjer, too: she made her stage debut there in 1937. Theatrical success came quickly, with a variety of roles in anything from Shakespeare to A Streetcar Named Desire. Once she had overcome a shaky start in film - her first review read "lifeless, bereft of sex appeal, cool and almost trivial" - she was carrying films by the mid 1940s. Again, she thrived on her versatility, throwing herself into comedy-My Wife Is Innocent - and Denmark's attempt at a Hollywood musical, Meet Me in Cassiopeia. Kjer also took roles in more typically Scandinavian fare, in particular the wave of social realist cinema initiated by writers like Leif Panduto and Klaus Rifbjerg.

Over the years, she consistently turned down offers to work in Hollywood and abroad, and demurs at comparisons with Greta Garbo. "I few days in New York sightseeing with husband, set-designer Olaf Nordgren, have had a wonderful life here in Den-her second husband, Svend Bergsoe, died. Her two step-daughters from her



Bodil Kjer as she was in Jenny and the Soldier', left, and above in 'Babette's Feast'

mark and it doesn't seem to be over yet," she remarks. "Why change it? Going away was never a priority when the possibilities for me here were so prestigious."

The last time she was in London, it was over 30 years ago to visit friends such as Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, Michael Redgrave, Spencer Tracy, stage designer Oliver Messel and director George Cukor. As for America, from where the phone rang many times with offers of work, she went there only once to spend a

a businessman.

Kjer has only worked in English very occasionally, most recently in Robert Mitchum's 1995 film, The Sunset Boys, a World War Two drama shot in Norway. "Tve never regretted 'not exporting' because I always thought you explain yourself best in your own inguage," she explains (in English).

Kjer has always lived near Copenhagen. At her big white mansion near the sea, 20km out of town, she says life is very quiet. She lives alone with a housekeeper ever since her third

marriage to Nordgren visit often. She is happy to be there, far away from So what, if anything, would she have

liked to have done? "I know I would not have liked to have taken up the offers of Hollywood fame in the Forties," she says slowly. "Truly I have absolutely no regrets. Ex-

cept I would like to have been a great cook and I think it might be too late Bodil Kjer will be reading at the

himself a noted composer, Corp promised high jinks and taxi horns for his afternoon's entertainment - nothing to do with the White House, this, but relating instead to the opening and closing works of the con-cert, Gershwin's Girl Crazy overture, and his classic tone poem, An American in Paris. Corp's New London Orchestra, led by David Juritz, caught the 'in Pan Alley mood

WITH THE spectacle of the

Russian and American presidents playing farce and bed-

room comedy on the

international stage, you might

think a Soviet-American theme

for bank holiday Monday's

afternoon family Prom would

Not a bit of it, however, with

Ronald Corp firmly in charge of

the conductor's baton.

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of these scores to their last nuance. Readings that were full of ebuliient personality sparkled with delicious brass and woodwind solos. Girl Crazy led to girl dowdy, music in glass-slipper mood, with spiky excerpts from Prokofiev's Cinderella ballet, and Rodgers' Cinderella Waltz, scored, or so it seemed, for solo side-drum and orchestra. Steven Osborne, rounding off the first half with his Proms debut in Shostakovich's Second Piano Concerto, offered much to admire in his shapely phrasing of the slow movement, and then the finale, delivered at breakneck tempo yet staying on the rails

to the end. After Kabalevsky's dashing Colos Breugnon overture - a welcome revival - Christopher Maltman, baritone, caught the childlike ease of five of Copland's Old American Songs -"Tis the Gift to be Simple" and "The Little Horses" especially Gala Screening of Babette's Feast' on - with touching informality. Sunday 6th September, National Film The bi-national theme was

PROMS

NEW LONDON ORCHESTRA, LA PHILHARMONIC ROYAL ALBERT HALL

continued in Sunday's evening Prom, the first of a pair from the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Esa-Pekka Salonen. His family hails from Polish and Lithuanian Russia, and Copland, doyen of American 20th-century composers, caught the essence of Mexican popular dance styles in El solon Mexico, opening the concert in spectacular style. With the brightness of West Coast sunshine in their playing, the Los Angeles band was well adapted to the clean-cut texture of this pellucid score. Its response to Copland's bouncy syncopations was vigorous and alert.

Both here and in the UK première of his own LA Variations. an homage to the city where he had made his home, Salonen conducted with energy and precision. His new piece, which is divided into 18 sections, used a schematic form of serial chords composed out into parcels of invention that were clearly defined by their different orchestral costumes. Though rhythmically vibrant, the score was also coloured by quieter inventions: for example, some impressive double bass writing at the end of section eight - impressively played.

The orchestra's fine bass tone was heard again in the brooding introduction of Stravinsky's Firebird ballet, which was sumptiously rendered in utter unity of purpose. Though somewhat thin on the ground for a holiday concert, the audience demanded an encore; Prokofiev's Death of Tybalt, delivered to its complete satisfaction.

NICEOLAS WILLIAMS

Memoirs of an inadvertent spy

Bourgeois-liberal' Timothy Garton Ash was once under investigation by the East German Stasi,

Now the Oxford historian has got his hands on the file and has written a book about what he found there. By Michael Glover

TINOTHY GARTON Ash, senior research fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, a scripulously watchful and courteous English historian of perhaps 43 or 44, sits in a char facing the window of his study in Chirch Walk, a marvellously sequestered endave just off the Woodstock Road. His smill, fine fingers are steepled and his head is howed, preparing the words to meet my words. He is broad of jaw, and with an extraordinarily finickily trimmed ginger beard. Alltold, his serene, questing face reminds m of that of some 19th-century explorer as if it would come into its own in sepia.

My compact tape-recorder - he admires itscompactness - stands on a dangerously high pile of books with such titles as Conscousness Explained, Autobiographical Moments and Liberal Nationalism. Sunlight floods the room. It couldn't be better weather for a longish, measured converstion about dictatorships, spying, infermers, and the general evils of the

Litin's

Communist past. Though not a regular contributor to the Pritish press these days - you are more tkely to read his essay-length exercises in olitical reportage in the New York Review of Books - Timothy Garton Ash is a great expert on these dark matters, but especially in so far as they relate to the countries at the heart of Europe. He has written a history of Solidarity, whose painful and exhilarating bringing to birth he witnessed at first hand; another about the revolutions of 1989; and a big book about Germany, a history of Ostpolitik which, unsurprisingly provoked passionate debate within the

country itself. But perhaps his most extraordinary, and certainly his most intimate, book, just a quite different book about the GDR itself, published by Flamingo, concerns the file - all 325 pages of it - that the East German secret services kept on him during the time that he was living there as a research student from 1979 onwards. They knew that was written and published in West Ger-



Historian Timothy Garton Ash Tara Heinemann

he had been a regular commentator on central Europe for *The Spectutor* – or "Spekta" in the GDR informer-speak of his file - and that, being a journalist, he must therefore be a spy because, well, in their

opinion all Western journalists were spies.
In a sense, though, he was a kind of spy,
was he not, I asked, because while he had purported to be a research student working on a history of the German resistance to Hitler, he was also simultaneously collecting information in a clandestine way for and the way in which it suppressed its peoples? (The research was never completed, though it may be some day. The clandestine book about the evils of the GDR

many in 1979. It was even serialised in Der Spiegel.)
"You mean a spy for the reader?" he

"Mm, someone who was apparently working on something, but in fact was working on something else."

asked

I explained to him that when I had read The File. I had had a very strong sense of almost boyish enthusiasm on his part for the general idea of spies and spy literature.

"Not quite," he replied. "I'm actually not very interested in spying, though I was as an undergraduate. What I liked was the idea of being a soldier behind enemy lines. This was a very nasty regime indeed, and I liked the idea that I could do something against it with my pen. The concealment was simply a necessary means to that end. The other day I had a conversation with a Chinese dissident who's just been released after 16 years in prison. He said, quite without prompting by me: "if anyone wants to write properly, honestly, critically about China, they have to work like a spy." And I think that's true of such

An interesting distinction. So I pursued the matter a little further. I explained to him that I had only the shadowiest of notions of how he had set about gathering the information that was published in that book about the GDR. Was he asking, I wondered, seemingly innocent questions of seeming

friends which weren't in fact innocent at all? "It depended who I was with. If it was omeone I really trusted, I told them what I was doing. If I was with a member of the Central Committee, I didn't, of course, and most of those who informed on me, as it turns out, were somewhere in between." Then he put the point a little more forcefully. "I myself use the trope of the spy for the reader, but I really don't think there are any moral comparisons between dissimulation in the service of a book and dis-

simulation in the service of the secret po-

Perhans not. Books are such harmless things. After the reunification of the two Germanies, the Stasi files were opened for all to see. Garton Ash returned to Berlin and read the file on him - all 325 pages of it -documenting his movements day by day.

It induced a kind of vertigo. Who was the real Garton Ash? The "object" described with such loving attention by his informers? The man of his own memories of himself? The man as he is described in his own notebooks? How much of the self is imagined, and how much real? And how did this affect the way he subsequently thought about the writing of history?

"All history hitherto has been written with a rather simplistic assumption about memory, namely that what you have to confront is either forgetting or deliberate distortion by someone putting their own spin on the story - as Troisky did when he wrote his history of the Russian Revolution. What you find with this experience of reading the file is that we all have this povelist in the head who is constantly rewriting the story in ways that make it more comfortable for us. This is neither simply forgetting nor distortion. It's something else. There is a new book called *The Mind's Past*, written by a neuroscientist, which argues that there is something in the left hemisphere of the brain called 'the interpreter' which is doing exactly this - reinterpreting fragments of experience to make a continuous narrative,

to make sense of our lives." If this is true, history needs to be written in a different way. But how? I asked him. The answer began with a brief historical excursus. We need to go back to Thucydides, he replied. From Thucydides to the 18th century, people generally thought that the best history was contemporary, the his-

"A lot of my work has been this kind of

and tears.

The costumes come in a

cacophory of colours, combin-

ing Viking with 16th century

lighting and sets, which should

provide continuity, instead

history of the present. Nowadays that's called journalism, and professional historians preserve their virginity by keeping 30 years of distance. You should start writing history now. And the other point is that we should be more sophisticated in how we describe what people are doing when they reminisce, when they write autobiography,

'A lot of my work has been this kind of history of the present. Nowadays that's called journalism, and professional historians preserve their

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when they write their own history." As I listened to him forming his sentences with such practised ease, I began to think about his own history - and about, for example, his political classification by the Stasi, which had shifted from "bourgeois-liberal" at the beginning to "conservative and reactionary" at the end. Where did his own political - and party-political – allegiances lie?

"Bourgeois-liberal' is spot on," he replied with some relish. "I always say *Ich* bin ein Berliner. By which I mean an Isaiah Berliner. I am absolutely a classic Isaiah-Berlin-type liberal with a small "l'. And so I asked him the second half of the question again.

"And your party-political allegiances?" "Well... I... I... I don't belong to any British political party, and that independence is very important to me as a writer.

But that "liberal" with a small "!" will give vou some idea...' Charmed - but not quite charmed enough - by his coyness, I asked him

straight out. "So you voted Lib Dem in the last elec-

tion?' "Yes, I mean, since you ask, yes I did, but I wouldn't necessarily say that to be and this is an important point - that to be a liberal with a small T, believing as I do that individual liberty is the most important single political value, means that you

have to vote Lib Dem in every British election_Right?" A little later, down at the local pub, an interesting scene is played out. After we have ordered our sandwiches, the woman asks for the name. "Michael," replies Garton Ash. "I always give them a different

name," he confides to me. "Do you know his real name?" I ask the woman. No response. Perhaps she hasn't

heard me. As we walk away he tells me that the best one was undoubtedly "Salman". When the sandwiches were ready, she called out "Salmon!" He chortles and chortles into the

sleeve of his beige linen jacket. Were you with Salman himself?" I ask

"Oh no," he says. "I was with Ian

McEwan. Such playful complicity between historian and novelist. No wonder he outwitted

The File' is published by Flamingo

Village hall panto makes for a comedy of errors

Company is Gilbert and Sullivan," declared a hopeful previewer last Sunday. If only! The truth is, they were Gilbert and Sullivan until that malign moment in the Seventies when the Arts Council pulled the

plug on them. At the time, the operatic establishment sneered, but the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company represented an unbroken tradition going back to the fountainhead. And if their routines were creaky, their singing was a delight, and their acting gloriously in keeping with the pre-

material. But that company was killed stone-dead: the D'Oyly Carte now strutting their stuff on the South Bank is an ersatz concoction.

But you have to admire their temerity in bringing, of all things, The Mikado, to the stage. For this was the opera with which Jonathan Miller proved that Gilbert and Sullivan doesn't have to be frumpy, provincial, amateur dramatic stuff for village halls. His blackand-ivory Twenties version for ENO had the whiplash ele is pure Northern panto, commore rag-tag bunch. The town gance which the original must pletely at variance with the hand of Titipu come on still

"THE D'OYLY Carte Opera posterous demands of their have had 100 years ago. And he succeeded where others had failed, because he took Gilbert's sophisticated comedy seriously, and let Sullivan's peerless score work its spell.

So what do we find on the South Bank? Carefully-contrived ENO echoes in the opening Japanese like silhouettes, but thereafter unmistakable echoes of the village hall. For this show - presented by Raymond Gubbay - is quite simply a throwback to pantomime, Indeed, Eric Roberts's Ko-Ko

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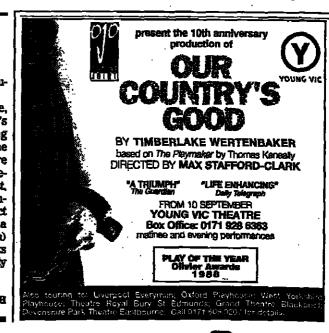
comedy's graceful urbanity: this never was, and should not be now, a "children's show". And the pantomime muse is even more disastrously invoked by the costumes. designs, lighting, and choreography, which are all the last word in tackiness.

Choreography is too grand word to describe the movement here: I've seldom seen a

feverishly adjusting their shoes change their game every couple of minutes. and hats, while their limbs fly in all directions, the three lit-The director, meanwhile, tle maids don't move like a threesome at all. A work like

throws away all the work's great moments, dissipating this has to be perfectly drilled, their focus and blurring the but one has no sense here of contrast between quick-fire the necessary blood, sweat, brilliance and slow expansiveness. Yet he had a talented cast. with a vocally-splendid Emperor (Lynton Black), a perfect Katisha (Jill Pert), and a Venice, Japan with Thirties Nanki-Poo (Joseph Shovelton) prop-box; Ko-Ko's get-up is a who sings like a dream. Thanks fright, while the Emperor's is ludicrously out of scale. The to them we still - intermittently have a rip-roaring time.

MICHAEL CHURCH



There's a space for us, somewhere

What is the recipe for good theatre design? As the RSC considers a complete rebuild of its Stratford home,

David Benedict assembles the essential ingredients for the perfect stage

The rake's progress

This title may be a Stravinsky opera, but the term "rake" describes the slope or tilt of a theatre's seating and/or its stage. As anyone who has peered in vain through the heads of parents at a school play staged on the flat floor of a gymnasium will attest raked seating which allows you a (supposedly) un-

interrupted view is A Good Thing.

Everything depends on the angle. The Barbican's welcome statistic that no seat is more than 65ft from the stage should be offset by the fact that the seats in the uppermost circle are so high above the stage that not only do you get a prime view of which actors are going hald, but anyone suffering from vertigo is likely to faint dead away.

Conversely, if there's too gradual a rake - for example, as at The Mermaid Theatre - those at the back can't see what's going on at the front of the stage. It also tends to mean that the seating stretches so far back that people end up sitting miles away from the stage.

Raked stages are also for the benefit of the audience, not for actors, who aimost universally loathe them. Being seen by everyone is just dandy, but trying to stand up straight on a really steep rake is like being strapped into high heels, and about as good for your posture.

Following the acclaimed Richard Hudson/Richard Jones Too Clever By Hulf at the Old Vic, no late Eighties modish set design was without its perilously raked floor, which did wonders for the directorial concept and the private practices of osteopaths across the land. This was trumped by the deliriously bad Troubadour at the Cambridge Theatre (set in 13th-century Narbonne, natch). This understandably shortlived wonder of the musical world had a perfectly sublime scene in which two people sat on a bed (don't ask) playing a crucial game of chess with an outsize chess set. The rake was so steep that to stop the pieces sliding off they were fixed to the board with less-than-period velcro making the game's smooth and natural progress a little. shall we say, sticky. (It was the least of the show's problems, but it proves a point).

Handsome is as handsome does

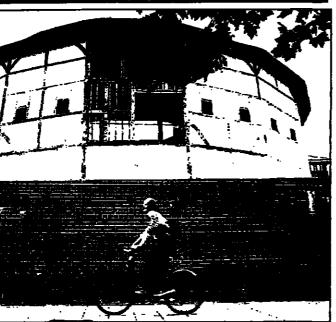
Most people's idea of what a theatre looks like is based solely on the Victorian and Edwardian designs: lots of red plush, fancy curtains and loads of gilt and gingerbread. The interior decoration of the Old Vic is like a fantastic wedding cake but it's hard not to be diverted by it all.

Many traditional 19th-century theatres, particularly those built by Frank Matcham, are acoustic marvels but they have their problems. The stage is often too high creating a gulf between the actors and the audience, who have to crane their heads back and get no sense of the depth of the stage. Then there's the proscenium arch. Some directors feel this sets up a divisive "us and them" feeling which mitigates against the all-important sense of contact and immediacy. Many playwrights wrote for pro-scenium arch theatres, but Shakespeare certainly didn't. The arch came centuries later and many 20thcentury theatres have successfully done away with it. But theatres built both before and afterwards have all sorts of advantages (see below).

All the world's a Globe

ticity. this really is designed for its audience. actors' moves and sometimes the entire set so that





Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford, top left, Royal National Theatre, above right, and the Globe Theatre, Southwark

to go the whole hog and stand. In most theatres the strongest position to stand is centre-stage towards the back. Not at the Globe. In this theatre, an actor standing towards the front of the stage can play directly to the crowd. He or she can also see everyone, rather than playing to a black sea which is what you see when looking out at the audience under

A sight for sore eyes The first thing a touring company does upon arriving in a theatre is to check the sightlines from the auditorium. Can the whole of the set and acting area be seen from all the seats? Despite the best intentions of a designer who will have built a set with the touring venues in mind, the answer is almost in- Little boxes Leaving aside the debate surrounding its authen- variably "No." This necessitates rejigging the Everyone has a good view of the stage, but it's best everything can be presented to its best advantage.

politely term "restricted view seats". Warning: the correct response to this is "How restricted?" If as in Glyndebourne's superb new auditorium, it means you have to put up with an unobtrusive handrail to stop people hurtling over the balcony, don't worry. However, if it means you get to pay for the pleasure of examining the moulding on a particularly fine pillar, think about another night. Some seats in the beautifully restored, National Trust-owned Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds aren't great in this respect, but on the other hand it has excellent acoustics, and actors love it because the atmosphere is

It must be hell being in the Royal Family. Imagine Small is beautiful corner of the auditorium. You wind up with a stiff the People to 1.500 people a night in Los Angeles - ate work for an audience in optimum circumstances

Some theatres try to get round this with what they neck and have a perfect view of nothing but the wings on the opposite side of the stage. The point about boxes - or "ashtrays" as Dame Edna calls them - is that they were designed as places in which to be seen rather than to see from. It's lovely to sit there waving to your friends while seated with your mistress, a magnum of champagne and groaning platters of smoked salmon (or so I'm told) but you are utterly removed from everyone else and, unlike cinema, theatre is a collective activity. Don't believe me? Try sitting through a play with only a handful of other people. It's embarrassing for all concerned. Watching a film in an empty cinema on the other intimate. Happy actors tends to mean good shows. hand is a positive relief: no noisy popcorn eaters or rabid talkers.

having to watch everything from the top right hand Ian McKellen - currently belting out An Enemy of plush auditorium with no leg-room in order to cre-

has played in more than a few theatres in his time and has come to the conclusion that small is beau-tiful. "In a theatre the size of the Olivier or the Farbican you can end up with a design that necessarily gives the audience something to look at but which dwarfs the performer. It's the closeness to the performer that really matters. My taste is for about 100 seats. Whatever the shape, everyone should be the to see the actor in considerable detail without anplification or binoculars. A measurement could prhaps be, can you hear the actor sigh and see him or her breathing?"

The Barbican's studio space, the Pit, was never conceived of as a theatre. It became one only at he last minute, when someone spotted its potential. Itespite a recent partial rebuild, the very low ceiling of the studio makes it claustrophobic rather thin intimate. (And in terms of discomfort, it's up there

The National's versatile Cottesloe studio theate is much better, but that has problems with the audiences in the side and upper galleries that are cut off from the body of the theatre; they often find themselves sitting behind or above the actors. The acres of dead acoustic space to the back and side mean that actors have to project as much as in the

Olivier, which seats three times as many people. The problem with the Lyttelton, the National's third venue, is that although the sightlines are good with the seating no wider than the stage, actors feel as if they're playing two distinct audiences. Laughs in the circle come later than those in the stalls.

If all theatres seated no more than about 400 people in close relation to the actors, everyone would be happy? Er, no. Small spaces are useless for spectacle. Who wants to see Phantom without Maria Biornson's sets with the famous chandelier crashing down over the auditorium?

It's a question of economics. Theatre is labourintensive, and costs are high. Unless the Government changes its thinking on arts subsidy (and pigs will doubtless develop an air force before this happens), theatre managers will want large size auditoria in order to make money on ticket sales (17.5 per cent of which goes straight back to the treasury

Commentators much given to moaning about Covent Garden's prices smugly point to the Met in New York, "Look," they say, "it's much cheaper and it receives no public subsidy." Yes, and it just so happens that it has double the seating capacity.

Anti-subsidy forces cite the Donmar and the Almeida as small theatres doing excellent work on little public money. True, but they do it on the backs of people who get paid just £250 a week. That's about £41 per day, ie £5 an hour. Without wishing to be unkind, that's fine for millionaires like Kevin Spacey but tough on an average Equity member who may then be out of work for the next few months.

A perfect relationship

The Young Vic is loved by many. The audience - 350-500 - is comfortably wrapped around the stage yet the "in the round" configuration means that only certain productions fit there. In many ways, though, it's close to what Peter Brook famously described as "the empty space", the artistically ideal set-up in which a company doesn't have to fight an over-

Razing the building in order to raise the roof

Why knock down the Stratford main house? Adrian Noble, Artistic Director of the RSC, makes the case for artistic renewal

FOLLOWING A fire that destroyed the original 1879 Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, the present Royal Shakespeare Theatre was built in 1932, designed by Elisabeth Scott. It was rumoured. Peter Brook tells us in his memoirs, that she impressed the selection committee with her watercolours. Originally seating just over 1,000 people, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre has been cudgelled, reshaped and revamped until it now has a capacity of 1,450. The foyers and lavatories (like all amenities of the period, designed for women with astonishing bladder control) are, however, still geared to the much smaller capacity. With the opening of our beautiful Swan Theatre, built in the burnt-out shell of the original theatre, the nightly audience arriving at the same footprint of land has practically doubled from that originally intended.

auditorium is that, as designed, the actors are put into one room and the fact that thousands of us have had audience in another, with an invisible wall dividing them. Shakespearian drama demands a ment more to the actors' genius radically different relationship. Furthermore, since the Second World War there has been a healthy, quite unstoppable urge for actor and audience to get close to one another. There is an added, almost unique difficulty in Stratford if you sit in the balcony, which houses almost onethird of the audience and is where most of our young patrons sit. The balcony was placed not only above, but behind the dress circle, disadvantaging the audience by distance and the actor by vastly increasing the volume of air he must command with his voice. Remember that Shakespeare talked of "hearing" plays, not "seeing" them. The experience up in the balcony has world - he creates an imaginative a world; space is created through physical size and vocal capacity.

The essential problem of the been described as looking through the wrong end of a telescope. The extraordinary theatrical experiences sitting in the gods is testathan to any architectural merit.

Successive artistic directors have tried to break down this invisible wall by progressively extending the stage into the auditorium: Peter Hall in 1960; Trevor Nunn in '70 and again in '76; Terry Hands in '75 and again in '82; myself in '88 and 92. Each of us has tried to bring the actor closer to the audience, to place him or her into the cradle of the audience's imagination. The question facing us today is

how to build a Shakespeare theatre for the 21st century. To do this, I believe we must first look to the past. Shakespeare deals with the

Noble: Break down this invisible wall' Geraint Lewis

as well as a literal universe. This is why scenery is such a difficult and sensitive issue in Shakespearian production. The stage picture must not limit the imagination of the audworld within as well as the outside ience. Shakespeare's words create

the actor's imagination and body. The text also creates its own unique sense of time.

For me, Shakespeare is the quintessential Renaissance artist, the supreme humanist. After the flat two-dimensional medieval period, the world turned round, and Man, not God, became the centre of the universe. This is directly reflected in Shakespeare's drama and in the theatre architecture in which it was performed: a character on a platform, the earth; with the sky, heaven, above him; with the underworld, hell, below him; surrounded by all humanity, all social classes, all the world - the Globe.

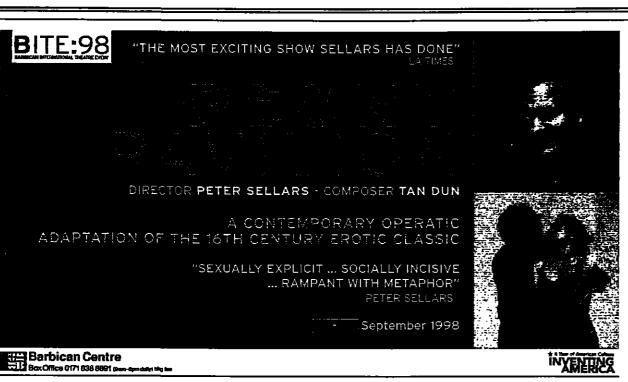
The lessons to be learnt from Shakespeare's own theatre are obvious. First the actor and audience share a space. Second, the volume of the space is not too big. It works within our human limitations of

of wood - good for acoustics. theatre architecture was changing rapidly, reflecting massive social and political change. Perspective theatre, imported from the Continent, had arrived. Audience and actor were separated into different rooms, and pictures were presented. There was one perfect seat, the King's, and the remainder of the a class-based social order. Amazingly, we have been building the-

In my view, a theatre should not just be a place where plays are put on, but a focus point for a community. For us in Stratford this means a local, national and international community who love Shakespeare ther, then I'm all for it.

Third, the audience is stacked and want to be close to that nexus vertically, with some above the of stage, grave and birthplace. A actor's sight line and others below. theatre should be an inspiring place Fourth, the buildings were made in its own right, a home for all the performing arts - musicians, By the time Shakespeare died, painters and sculptors - and we are particularly blessed in that the Royal Shakespeare Theatre sits in the cradle of the arm of the river Avon as it winds past weeping wil-

lows to Holy Trinity Church. The secondary activities - eating. drinking and buying souvenirs that have grown up around great buildings since the Middle Ages auditorium was arranged to reflect make a major contribution to a theatre's finances and I'm certain they will become even more crucial atres in the same mould ever since. in future, reflecting the world's increasing commercialisation. This juxtaposition of the temporal and the spiritual strikes me as being especially appropriate to the theatre, and if it helps to spread subsidy fur-



Two godfathers of fingerpicking

KICKING OFF at the genteel hour of 7.15pm, this double header of "Sixties folk guitar legends" may not have been the most challenging of Edinburgh Fringe shows but it was unquestionably one that delivered the goods, and did so with the good-natured aplomb that comes with experience and that studied looseness of presentation unique to old-style folk performers. Here, no less,

were two of its godfathers. Best known, ignominiously, as a footnote in Rod Stewart biographies (they busked together long ago), Wizz Jones is in other ways a "Sixties success story. Co-founder of that era's folk-blues boom alongside the altogether more enigmatic, druggy genius Davy Graham. Jones pioneered a songs for his late father similar concert sets for years,

FOLK WIZZ JONES AND JOHN RENBOURN FAMOUS GROUSE HOUSE.

version of the hippy lifestyle, eschewing the sex and drugs aspects of those he influenced, and is consequently still fighting fit - in body, mind and musical quality.

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Wringing every drop of emotion out of deceptively simple finger-style patterns with a spasmodic physicality that makes his entire guitar a tremolo unit, Jones's material reflected both his positive idealism, his delta blues influences and his family values - unpretentious but moving

daughter ("Lucky The Man") were compelling and rang true. Less of a songwriter or singer, much more of a technician than Jones, John Ren-

bourn's own set was effortlessly

accomplished. Perhaps surprisingly – given that his first solo album in 12 years, Traveller's Proyer, has just been released - it was a nostalgiafocussed set, with old Pentangle faves "Watch The Stars" and his tribute to seafaring folly, "Lord Franklin", rubbing shoulders with adaptations of piano jazz material from Randy

Weston and Abdullah Ibrahim, Renbourn's wry banter lived up to his post-Pentangle reputation as a bon viveur and wit, but he's been peddling

("Burma Star") and teenage albeit with improvisation well to the fore. So it was particularly thrilling to see the largely unrehearsed duo set as a finale.

Archie Fisher's "Mountain Man". Bert Jansch's "Fresh" As A Sweet Sunday Morning" and the poignant "National Seven" - a blues arrangement that Renbourn borrowed rather heavily from Jones, his old mentor, for his 1965 debut - gave Renbourn a rare

opportunity to re-live his fluid, soaring lead guitar licks of yore and it went down a treat with the audience.

A clearly unscripted crack at Davy Graham's immortal "Angi" seemed an appropriate way to close a show that had balanced unashamed nostalgia with subtly reproven musical worth.

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In America, legislation has ensured that non-white faces abound on stage, television and film while over here black actors struggle to land decent roles. Why, in multi-racial Britain, are so few black faces treading the boards and gracing our screens? By Lesley Downer

WHEN ADRIAN Lester was in his last year at drama school, news went around that Merchant Ivory Productions were looking for actors for their next film. Students rushed to send in their CVs and photographs.

"I was going upstairs to photocopy my ,CV when I stopped in my tracks," he says. "I suddenly thought, what am I doing this for? What am I going to do in a Merchant Ivory film? Take somebody's coat and say, Would you like some more tea, sir?' I mean,

Adrian Lester happens to be black, and there are few, if any, black faces to be seen in Merchant Ivory's costume dramas. He also happens to be an extraordinarily successful young actor. He played Rosalind against gender, as well as colour, in Cheek by Jowl's all-male production of As You Like It to great acclaim, and took the romantic lead in Stephen Sondheim's Company, the first black actor to do so.

True to form, it is only in America that he has been able to achieve major success: he stars in Mike Nicholl's Primary Colors, to be released here next month, as Henry Burton, the campaign manager to John Travolta's President

"I knew that if I wanted a film career. I'd have to leave the country in order to

With the last episode of Windrush barely off our screens, celebrating the arrival 50 years ago of the first wave of immigrants from the Caribbean, few people can have failed to notice that Britain is rapidly becoming a multiracial, multicultural

Yet turn on the television and, with a few exceptions, we are back in the all-white world of the Fifties. The same goes for commercials. And as for the varinted renaissance in the British movie industry, how many black faces are to be seen in recent British films?

For black British actors, what this means in practical terms is a dearth of jobs, stereotypical casting and watching their white drama school contemporaries climb the career ladder while they wait more and more impatiently for the rare "black role" to come up.

There have also been what look very much like snubs, most famously in the case of Marianne Jean-Baptiste, who won an an all-white production of Hamlet will be Oscar nomination last year for her part in Mike Leigh's Secrets and Lies. A few months later, 20 young actors were invit- has had a quota system long enough to ened to Cannes for the festival's 50th anniversary, to represent the best of the budding British film industry. She was not among them.

David Harewood, who until very recently was playing Othello at the National Theatre, says: "I took it as an incredible slap in the face - most black people did."

a very successful movie career - in Amer- ed to manifest in our cultural life," says Bar- terms of livening up the theatrical scene or the terrible effects of being forced into is there anybody out there?"." says her reflect 20th-century life today." agent, Stephen Hatton.



Wanted: a brand new caste

actors have known for a long time; namely the "unjustifiable under-representation of ethnic minorities in theatre, opera, cinema, television drama, etc." The Com- a black character. I thought, 'Are you castmission announced that it will press for legislation to close a loophole in the Race Relations Act which allows directors to use "authenticity" as an excuse for all-white casting. A black Nelson Mandela or a white Winston Churchill will be acceptable; but in contravention of the act. In this, Britain is merely catching up with the USA, which sure that black faces are now run of the keen to explore that possibility." mill across the media.

Barclay who, as Controller of Comedy at token black or filling a quota. Playing a LWT Productions, was responsible for Desmond's, the successful black sitcom onances in a production. As David Hare-

"The absorption of black people into the ica. Recently she decided to move back to clay. "I'm finding it elusive to achieve the here: "In America, they've been playing an arranged marriage". England. "Once again we're asking, "Hello, mixed-cast comedies I'd like to see which with the whole notion of integrated black

Quite apart from the lack of roles, when

Robinson went for the part of Ash in Casucity, which he played for six years, "The bio[graphy] was non-existent. He was just

ing me in this part or just a black face?"." The one area where directors are prepared to experiment with so-called integrated casting is theatre. In the Pinter trio at London's Donmar Theatre recently, the character on whom The Collection pivots is played by Colin McFarlane. "That part wasn't written for a black actor," says Anne McNulty, the Donmar's casting director. "But the director, Sam Mendez, was very

Casting a black actor, after all, should "It's a slow business," says Humphrey not be simply a question of installing a character black creates entirely new reswhich ran for several years on Channel 4. wood points out, black actors are clamouring to be used more, not simply

for Racial Equality recognized what black for a cipher, a token black. When Patrick would be very exciting to see that done over here."

For black British actors, it is still very much an uphill struggle. Casting directors, who submit selected actors for casting, acknowledge that their brief is all too often colour-specific.

Nina Gold, who specialises in casting for commercials and films, says: "You quite often get a brief saying, Interesting, Attractive Man, White, Early thirties'. If you say, 'would you consider a black guy?', 90 per cent of the time they say, 'I'm sure the client wouldn't go for that'.'

Directors argue that the second that they cast a character black, they have to address the whole issue of race, which may be irrelevant to the story. But that is assuming that the old stereotypes still apply. Despite the fact that parts for Asian women are desperately few, says Adrian Lester, his wife, actress Lolita Chakrabarti, "is adamant that she will never play in

Hugh Quarshie, a classical actor who casting: What would happen if we cast this has worked at the RSC and the National



is largely to do with lack of funding for the arts, which means that producers and directors cannot afford to take risks. There was a time when the RSC made a real commitment to casting black actors, under Trevor Nunn. "But when you work in the marketplace... then you're not going to find many black faces on stage or on screens." To put it bluntly, a black face will not sell

For black British actors, there are two ways out of this scenario. One is to go it alone. Lenny Henry has his own company, Crucial Films, as does Patrick Robinson; his first film, Monument, went out on HTV in Wales earlier this summer.

But for many more, America is the promised land. There are over 20 million African Americans, forming 10 per cent of the population, as opposed to 3-4 per cent here.

Joseph Marcel took that road 25 years ago, "to get the theatre work which I could In fact, Marianne has gone on to create middle class community hasn't yet start- in terms of their own visibility but also in anything that has to do with corner shops, not get in England". He has done most of the things actors want to do - Othello, Bru- Lester, his parents always told him: "Don't by Stephen Spender. But his real claim to Just be three times as good as your white fame is that for six years he appeared as counterparts". person because they are black; because Theatre, and has a leading part in the new Jeffrey the English butler in the enor-A couple of weeks ago, the Commission a "black role" does come up, it tends to be they bring to the play their blackness?" It Star Wars film, argues that the problem mously popular NBC television series The like to think it's not true for us now."

Fresh Prince of Bel Air, which started Will Smith; though, he says, it was tough to convince middle America that "there are blacks who speak with pukka accents". "Americans accept that black Americans are Americans," he says. "But blacks in Britain will always be foreigners."

Adrian Lester and his contemporaries, however, are very unlikely to sit back and accept that. Patrick Robinson, for one, is convinced that the British film industry is running out of ideas.

"I do believe it'll become fashionable soon to have the brothers in mainstream." 'he says. "You can only have so many period pieces with Anthony Hopkins playing the butler again. How many more World War II films can there be with no black regiments? In the US, Samuel L Jackson and Denzel Washington can take any role. In British movies, they have to make it credible that this black guy is there. In the US, you don't have to explain it."

When he was growing up, says Adrian tus - and had a play Kreon, written for him argue, don't complain, don't be unhappy.

"That was true for them," he adds. "Td

Laughing all the way to the sofa

Theatre

A WIFE WITHOUT A SMILE ORANGE TREE THEATRE RICHMOND

THE IDEA that the fate of dramatic characters can hang by a thread is played with in Arthur Wing Pinero's 1904 comedy A Wife Without a Smile. At the boathouse, to which he is invited by a group of friends, Seymour Rippingill has rigged up an erotic barometer. A doll dangles from the ceiling on a wire that he has attached to the bottom of the sofa in the room above. Any ardour expressed on that unseen couch is registered by the dancing and yo-yoings of this toy. Its perky gyrations divert the tittering observers but grossly offended public taste at the time, being likened by one commentator to "the unclean antics of monkeys at the zoo".

Watching Dominic Hill's vivacious revival of this rarity at the Orange Tree, you are tempted to think of A Wife Without a Smile as the Dead Furney of its day. Like Terry Johnson's recent hit, Pinero's play looks at the link between humour and maturity and homes in on a dicey marriage where the wife is out on a from Hamleys and elephantine artist friend (Nick Fletcher).



Sarah Tansey as Mrs Rippingill and Nick Fletcher as Trood

share her husband's schoolboy idea of what is comic. A spouse would need a supreme sense of humour just

lonely limb because she fails to jocosities. So, he gets what he deserves when, in a plot twist that anticipates a celebrated JB Priestley comedy, the marriage is discovto restrain herself from killing him. ered to be legally invalid and, far from Played by David Tinson as a lapsing into anguish, Sarah Tansey's tubby, guffawing refugee from sensuous wife reacts by demon-Jerome K Jerome, Ripping II can't strating hitherto hidden prowess on see that there are more intimate the smile front. Soon, she is causing ways of putting a smile on a wife's that doll to bob up and down, and face than by infantile japes, silly toys from side to side too, with a young

Humour as an amused sense of proportion rather than as a chronic dependence on rib-tickling or facetiousness is an asset no one in the play possesses. Hill's cast vividly brings out the comedy of humoursness. There's Richard Heffer's Pullinger, a wing-collared know-all who translates everything into the narrowest business terms ("To think that such people walk, talk, and eat the firm's biscuits," he idi-

Robert Workman

otically declares of the erring Mrs Riopingill), and there is the pompous and opportunistic Webbmarsh (Paul Kemp) who nurses amin plays that are "all beginning and middle and no end". Farcically frustrating his every attempt to manhandle its material into the shape of an Ibsenite social tragedy, A Wife Without a Smile forms Webbmarsh's pretensions.

It is, in fact, a deeply cynical play. You aren't even allowed to admire or warm to the wife who, when confronted with a rival for Seymour's hand in the shape of Tricia Kelly's drolly eager Mrs Lovette, tosses aside all thoughts of love and impecunious Bohemianisms for coldly calculated financial selfinterest.

Given the play's sourness of outlook, Hill's production is determinedly upbeat. But in spiritedly wiping the dust off this interesting curiosity, it manages to plant a Until 10 Oct (0181 940 3633)

On a road to nowhere

bitions to rehabilitate the drama of IT HAD the kind of audience you the day and to "hurl raw bleeding | never see on the fringe: a crowd of chunks of humanity" onto the stage | at least 300, most of them young. combat-trousered and hardy enough to hunker down on concrete. No small achievement for a barely publicised multi-media "blending of London geography and mythology' by a group of unknowns (Loci) that only ran for two days in a corner of Borough Market. To have almost the entire audience leave by the start of the second half must qualify The Bridge for some kind of record.

You could blame it on the technical glitches or the inevitable distractions of a working wholesale market: the repetitive bleeps of reversing lorries, the rumble of overhead trains, the hazard-beacons of whizzing fork-lift trucks, or even the smell of citrus emanating from fruit crates. But these were, if anything, the main inducements to stay the four-hour course; reminders of thoughtful smile on the faces of the | the ghost of a good idea lurking somewhere in Paul Hilder's project.

Despite the spectacularly opaque PAUL TAYLOR | dialogue, it wasn't hard to get the gist

THEATRE THE BRIDGE BOROUGH MARKET

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of things. At the centre of the story lay a conflict between media baron Abraham and his son (a misanthropic stand-up comedian called Isaac, obsessed with his double, Sir Walter Raleigh's son). The aged tycoon wanted to get the whole of London surfing the Net in order to resurrect the spirit of his dead wife at the possible cost of human life and, er, a coral bed in the Thames. Enter a band of eco-warriors, under the command of a wheel-chairbound woman haunted by dreams of her ancestor, Raleigh's "illegitimate

daughter Eve". Add to that some techno and unsupple dance and you have what? The dramatic equivalent of a parody of something by Iain Sinclair in his sleep staged by a bunch of sixthformers. A shame. A real shame.

DOMINIC CAVENDISH

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL TRANSFERS

YOUR GUIDE TO SHOWS TOURING AFTER EDINBURGH

Car Maintenance, Explosives and Love: Australian performer Donna Jackson swerves between three tales of love (for cars, explosives and another woman) in an energetic, if intellectually under-revved monologue. 8-10 Sept, The Ustinov Studio Theatre, Bath (01225 448815)

Cool Heat Urban Beat: Despite the slapdash title, this is a startlingly slick street dance show from Rennie Harris's Pure Movement hip hop group, supported by Herbin Van Cayseele's trio of jazz tappers. 8-26 Sept, Peacock Theatre, London (0171-314 8800)

Crave: Sarah Kane's sedentary quartet for anonymous voices is an

verbal assault. 8 Sept-3 Oct, Royal Court, London WC2 (0171-565 5000)

Ennio Marchetto: Spot-on origami impersonations and transformations. 3-21 Nov. Lyric Hammersmith, London W6 (0181-7412 311)

Horses for Courses: Peepolykus, a lovably surrealist trio, are taking this year's hit-and-miss show - a disaster-strewn "Russian Gala Evening of Siberian Entertainment" - on the road. Their first and best work Let the Donkey Go! is also being trundled out. Let the Donkey Go! (15,16 Sept), Horses for Courses 17,18 Sept, part of the British Festival of Physical and (0171-323 2223)

Hymn to Love: Elizabeth Mansfield excels as Piaf in Steve Trafford's moving but unsentimental account of the relation between the sparrow's life and her songs, directed by Annie Castledine, 30 Sept -24 Oct, Drill Hall

London WC1 (0171-637 8270)

Krapp's Last Tape: Edward Petherbridge's five-star performance as Beckett's solitary old gent, cocking an ear and a snook at his recorded reminiscences. Richmond Theatre, Surrey 9-12 Sept (9181-940 0088) and touring Britain. Final date: 5 Jan-6 Feb. Arts Theatre, London WC2 (0171-836'8834)

dance-theatre: "The movement is pretty soggy, but the sexual politics are well past their sell by date," said our reviewer. 15-26 Sept, Riverside Studios, London W6 (0181-237 1111)

Love Upon the Throne: The National Theatre of Brent's deliberately garbled account of the relationship between Prince Charles and Diana is both laughout-loud funny and unexpectedly moving, 9-26 Sept, Bush Theatre, London W12 (0181-743 3388)

Mr Puntile and His Man Matti: A ily Outing: One of the most winningly imaginative staging of intriguing shows of the Fringe, in Brecht's class-war comedy from the which performer Martinez and Right Size – the best theatre don. her parents engage in some home. Pleasence's creepily comic mono- (0171-494 5400)

intense, head-spinning 45-minute Visual Theatre, BAC, London SW11 Legs on the Wall: Australian ble-act in Britain. Everyman, Liverpool (8-12 Sept); Playhouse, Oxford (29 Sept-3 Oct); Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry (6-10 Oct); Almeida, London (13-31 Oct)

> Skin Tight: A mish-mash of violent movement, over-tender lyricism and mawkish nudity from New Zealand as a husband and wife face up to each other and relive old times before saying farewell. 14 Sept-11 Oct New End, London, NW3 (0171-794 0022)

Ursula Martinez presents a Fam-

made chat-show therapy. 27-31 logue of Millicent, the Morning Oct/ 27-31 Nov Drill Hall, London Telegraph's obituarist. WC1 (0171-637 8270)

Still to be confirmed but sure to travel:

All Strange Away: Unmissable European premiere of a 1964 prose work by Samuel Beckett, from Asyhim theatre company.

Once: An enchanting wordless anti-fairytale from Russian clown troupe Derevo.

The Wrestling: Alex Lowe's poignant tribute to what was once the nation's favourite teatime sport, based on the book by Simon Gerfield.

The Last Obit: Angela

Stand: An unerring comedy of pitch and pub manners written by David Bown, and performed by the National Student Theatre Company, will be staged at Hull Truck Theatre, date to be confirmed.

PERRIER DATES: The four Perrier nominees, Peter Kay, Al Murray, Sean Culien and Ed Byrne will be appearing together with this year's winner, Tommy Tiernan, plus this vear's best newcomer, The Mighty Boosh on consecutive Sundays. Exact billings to be decided.Dates are 27 Sept, 5 Oct, 11 Oct, Her Majesty's Theatre, London SW1

CLOTHES LINE



OUT OF THE CLOSET

DUSTY O - NIGHT CLUB HOSTESS EXTRAORDINAIRE, DJ, SINGER AND ACTOR - OPENS HIS DESIGNER LADEN WARDROBE BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO

"I STILL have Westwood 'Pirate' let the dog sleep on them socks and a matching scarf I before I put them on I hate the bought when I was 14. Tve about 300 Westwood pieces, 150 of them vintage and last week I bought an original 'Pirate' suit from a stall on Portobello Road.

As a "girl" I wear a lot of McQueen, Galliano and Westwood ~ a nice structured suit, corseted with tight sleeves, theatrical looking but contemporary. I love anything glamourous and luxurious. Tracey Mulligan is another favourite. I'm wearing all her stuff in my press shots. Her black tube dress is wonderful.

As a "boy", I wear Raf Simons, Dries Van Noten and an Austrian designer, Carol Christian Poell. Jeans used to be a no-no, but being a total label victim, I bought a pair of Evisu and matching jacket. I washed them at least 40 times banged them on the floor and

way new denim looks. My last fashion disaster was at Brighton Gay Pride. It was boiling and I was corseted in a leather Versace dress. I came off stage, dripping with sweat, looking like Zelda from The

Terrahawks. Most of what I earn ends up on my back, but designers do occasionally lend me stuff. Favourite shops are Westwood, Pellicano and my absolute favourite is The Pineal Eye.

I'm not doing "big wigs" any more. They're much sleeker now, blunt cut, square fringes. It takes me three hours to get ready, from showering and shaving to putting my wig and make up on. As my Mum always said: 'I don't like what you do, but you do it properly."

INTERVIEW BY ADAM

HOT THING COLOURED MASCARA



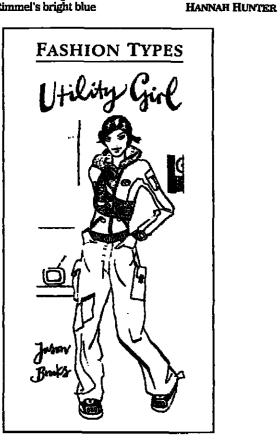
EIGHTIES REVIVALISM is creeping back, but it's sharp rather than silly: more Brian Ferry than Boy George. Coloured mascara is everywhere, but the starting point was surely the McQueen Autumn/Winter show (pictured). with white faces, pink lashes and contact lenses. This "albino chic" is a little highmaintenance but many cosmetics companies have

caught on and toned it down. Miners' "Double Trouble" (£2,49) resembled cottage cheese once applied. "You look like you've got pig's eves!" gurgled my flat mate. Not wanting to be mistaken for a Tamworth sow, I thought I should opt for something more colourful. Rimmel's bright blue

(also £2.49) reminded me of my school disco days and its nostalgia gives it full marks.

Other great options are the Stila coloured mascara (£14), out this month along with matching eyeshadows in more grown-up colours like grey and lilac. Miners' other range, "Cry Baby", has very good purple and blue waterproofs for £2.49. If you want bright, Sweet Georgia Brown (£4.50) has a wide choice. Finally, for a great McQueen red, there is Helena Rubenstein's "Spectacular"

mascara, (£14). Miners, 01264 350379; Rimmel. 01233 625076; Sweet Georgia Brown, 0171-836 3955: Stila from Space NK: 0870 6077060; Helena Rubenstein: 01732 741000





THE FLAMBOYANT gear of the Sixties and Seventies comes under the spotlight next Tuesday at Christie's South Kens-

ington's annual auction of street fashion, now in its fifth year There is no catwalk. Coats, dresses and suits, designed by such ghostly names as Jean Muir, Ossie Clarke or Tommy Nutter, are held up limply by porters, as enthusiasts of retro fashion bid for them.

After decades in mothballs, these period relics are once again plunged into a mini-whirlpool of fashion, with its stillchanging ins and outs, and inscrutable trends. Prices are low. The typical lot is estimated at £150-£250 and hidden reserves (minimum prices) are seldom placed

on lots estimated under £200. Lots are regularly carried off for as little as £23 for, for instance, a red striped velvet waistcoat "said to have belonged to Acker Bilk". Although the sales regularly clear around 70 per cent of lots, they raise totals of only £40,000-£50,000 - hardly a moneyspinner for the auctioneers, who keep them going because

they look trendy and attract young new bidders. So bargain Ironically, the current hot ticket is not any of the big de-signer names, but Biba, the Kensington fashion and lifestyle shop that closed in 1974 (and has recently been revived).

Its name has acquired couturier status. Where could you buy new a dashing Biba-style full-length tapestry coat, worked with a dense design of scrolling flowers and acanthus leaves with frogged fastenings? No couturier is designing such sumptuous pieces these days. The Next shops, then? Or Warehouse? Not a chance. You would have to have it made. The material alone would cost you about £160 – then add a tailor's bill of £500 or so.

The authentic Biba specimen for sale at South Ken on Tuesday dates from about 1970 and is estimated £300-£500. Designed for women, it would suit a slim, vain man. But even if you had one like it made up, it would still not carry the magic BIBA label. Just look at those puffy shoulders and

Biba buffs know the gear so well, that they will probably not be bothered by the absence of a Biba label on the threequarter length fake leopardskin coat, estimated £200-£250, and cautiously catalogued as "probably BIBA". It's Biba all right; an identical full-length version with label intact fetched a whopping £460 in last year's sale, well above the

estimated £100-£150. A hoard of unsold stock from Biba's Paris shop is in the sale. There are five lots, each consisting of 10 T-shirts with Biba logo, 10 Biba-logo pots of face powder, 10 of eye shadow, and a Biba plastic bag - enough to solve your Christ-mas present problem in one go. Estimate £150-£250 per lot. Jean Muir's reputation has not survived the auctioneer's block. So if her classy, minimalist dresses in plain colours suit you, get bidding. At the last two sales, much of the cloth-ing bearing her name - although without reserve - was left unsold. Which probably means that some people loathe it.

This year, the auctioneers have rejected most of the Jean Muir gear they were offered. But there are still two exclusively Jean Muir lots: one containing three of her typical jersey dresses, the other a loose-fitting black suede jacket together with a full-length alpaca coat, trimmed in leather. They are offered, disdainfully, without estimate – which means that less than £200 is expected. Her suede pieces are the least unpopular. Somebody may get a bargain.

Zandra Rhodes's early printed textiles, which made her name, sell well, but are seldom expensive. Among Janet Street Porter's cast-offs which appeared in last year's sale, was a pleated coat of blue silk, labelled "A Zandra Rhodes Sample" with her famous "Indian Feather Sunspray" design of 1970. Estimated £200-£300, it made a respectable £207. A Rhodes "Snail Flower" coat of about 1970 made £690 in a post-sale deal after failing to sell

Six mid-Seventies' Rhodes pieces - four dresses, blouse and a shirt - are lotted together without estimate in Tuesday's sale. They are among 10 re-offered lots left over from the Street-Porter sale.

Rhodes's punk gear is less successful. Even a punk dress from her 1977 "Conceptual Chic" show was left unsold last year. The cult name in punk is still Vivienne Westwood. A pair of black sateen bondage trousers with an authentic label, "Malcolm McLaren, Vivienne Westwood, Seditionaries Exclusive", together with a Sex Pistols T-shirt, made £437 two years ago, more than double the £150-£200 estimate.

Leading the bidding for authentic punk memorabilia is a Brighton-based coterie of thirty and fortysomethings who

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a Brighton-based coterie of thirty and fortysomethings who both collect and wear it. They go for more seditionary gear than Westwood's eleven-layer pink crinoline dress and brown leather bustier, which found buyers at £195 and £138 last year. Nutter and Clarke enthusiasts should note that most men's clothes sell badly. A big Tweed Nutter suit in the forthcoming sale is without estimate. So is a suit, a shirt and a tie of his, lotted together. The dandyish Mr Fish, who once clothed Sir Bou Strong is regarded as more historic. Expect to may £400 Roy Strong, is regarded as more historic. Expect to pay £400 for one of his velvet jackets.

To sell well, men's wear has to be flamboyant. Three traffic-stopping blouses by Emilio Pucci - a popular name - are estimated £250-£450. A bundle of Fifties ties, including Salvador Dali's "Spiral Into Space" raised £253 two years ago.

There is some cross-over with the pop memorabilia market. Clothes with doubtful provenance - like that Acker Bilk jacket - tend to end up in Street Fashion sales. Others are genuine "association" items. A Dior gentlemen's anaconda full-length coat of about 1974 made £805 - helped by the fact that it had once been owned by Klaus von Bulow.

Beware the whims of the saleroom. A pair of transparent yellow rubberised ankle boots by Mary Quant fetched an astonishing £690 two years ago. A scarlet pair fetched the same price. As a result, four more identical pairs appeared at last year's sale. Not one of them found a buyer.

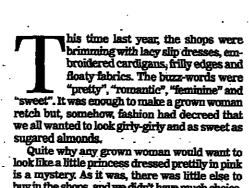
Street Fashion, Tuesday & September (2pm); Christie's South Kensington, &5 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (call 0171-

Hooded jacket and balaciava cap, both from a

selection by Prada Sport (0171-647 5000)

Dress for action

Burn those frills. Chuck out the pink. It's back to wartime utility wear with a difference time for Civilian Clothing 1998. By Tamsin Blanchard



buy in the shops, and we didn't have much choice. Not surprising, then, that this autumn there has been a complete U-turn. Suburban Stepford Wives are out (thank the fashion gods) and urban Tank Girls are in. The last few remnants of shades of pink and beaded fabrics are being crowded out of the rails by a relentless army of grey, khaki. Velcro, zips and rugged drawstrings. As is so often the case with fashion, we have gone from one extreme to another. Khaki is the new pink; utility clothing is on the march.

Paul Sexton and Talita Zoe, owners of the influential Covent Garden store Koh Samui, saw the backlash against frills coming last spring and they ordered their collections for this autumn accordingly. "The feminine thing all got a bit too much," says Sexton. The new season's collections are much more pared-down and

At Spirit, the one-stop fashion emporium on the ground floor of Selfridges in London, the labels include Red or Dead, Warehouse, Diesel and Miss Selfridge. The shop floor is a microcosm of high streets up and down the country and from one rail to the next, the story is the same. At Diesel, there are Army jackets, fatigue pants, hooded fleece tops, nylon zip jackets, sweat tops, and body-warmers with practical pockets. Lots of them. There are reflective fabrics, so that you will be seen in the dark. These clothes are tough, hard-wearing and thoroughly practical. Warehouse has a whole utility collection with Army bags selling at £20, and well cut Army green moleskin drawstring combat pants for £60.

Upstairs at Selfridges, there is a whole area dedicated to the new Virgin label, not designed by Richard Branson. Far better, however, to buy the British unisex label YMC which, since it was launched in 1996, has been key to the look that will be remembered as "so Nineties". Kenneth Mackenzie's label 6876 is for men who don't like fuss or branding, and his talents have been secured by Caterpillar, the boot people, who have seen the niche for a clothing label designed with the same philosophy as their footwear. His first collection for Caterpillar will be available in autumn 1999.

Urban utility sportswear has been an underlying trend throughout the Nineties. When the Japanese chain Muji opened in London in 1991, its greatest selling-point was the lack of branding and logos. A mug was a mug. A grey cotton vest was a grey cotton vest. And a pair of sweat pants was a pair of sweat pants. It was all so uncomplicated. Muji has just opened its latest shop in the UK and the expanded clothing range has never looked so right. There is not a frill or an unnecessary detail in sight, whether the product in question is a pair of trousers or a teapot. The denim aprons worn by the shop assistants are the look of autumn/winter '98.

At the same time as Muji was sweeping through the fashion-conscious conscience, Massimo Osti was developing his own labels spe-cialising in low-branded, functional clothing for men and women, after his success with the menswear brand Stone Island, and a small design team in London called Vexed Generation was setting up shop in London's Newburgh Street. Both Osti and Vexed Generation were exploring hi-tech clothing using industrial fabrics, with an eye on urban survival as well as fashion credibility. Army uniforms and industrial workwear formed the basis of their designs. Often, the clothing's functions and implied political statements - built-in anti-pollution masks, bullet and radiation proof fabrics - far outperformed the everyday needs of the average customer But the influence of both Massimo Osti and Vexed Generation on mainstream fashion this autumn has been phenomenal.

It takes a great hike of the imagination to make a link between the uncompromising extremes of Vexed Generation and the comfort and safety





of Marks & Spencer. But such is the current obsession with utility clothing and functional sportswear that the M&S design team has taken note. There are silver reflective Puffa jackets, dresses, rucksacks, tops and body-warmers, all made out of fleece and complete with rugged zips, drawstrings and hoods; no-logo trainers in reflective silver and red; and lots of Army pockets, even on a pair of khaki sweat pants adapted from the ubiquitous fatigue pants that have become the Nineties answer to jeans. The look has even been developed into childrenswear.

Likewise Prada, the Italian luxury fashion brand. When Minccia Prada moved the family company from bags and leather goods into fashion in the early Nineties, the clothes were stark, minimal and reminiscent of Army uniforms. This autumn, Prada has moved into the sportswear market with a Sport line that includes chunky trainer shoes with rugged Velcro fastenings, balaclava hoods, reflective anoraks and heavy-duty nylon rucksacks. Fabrics include



stainproof nylon waterproofed with Teffon, waterproofed wool, Scotchguard-coated nylon gabardine, and windproof, arctic fleeces The last time fashion was so useful was in

the Forties, when the government launched the Utility Clothing Mark. The letters CC41 (Civilian Clothing 1941) were crudely stamped on to clothes that were deemed practical and frugal enough to be produced in wartime Britain. As Fleece top, £60, canvas body warmer, Colin McDowell writes in his book Forties £70, work trousers, £44, and cap, £25, all Fushion and the New Look, "it was the near- by Caterpillar (0171-722 2132) est thing to a civilian uniform in the history of dress." More than 50 years on, the world may Above from left to right be on the brink of recession but it is relatively Crinkle cotton army green 'Lanto' at peace. There is little need for utility restricjacket, £140, by Diesel (0171-833 2255) tions in clothing. Indeed, although the style and shapes of these clothes may be close to a uni- Wool boiler suit, £135, by The Edge from form, the fabrics used are anything but strin- Jigsaw Menswear (0171-499 2521) gent or economical.

prices, you can get the look from your local Army Gap, Long Acre, London WC2 and & Navy or from a well stocked camping store. branches nationwide



But then, if you want utility clothes at utility Tshirt, £14, and cargo skirt, £28, both by

TRY ME

Skin-tight and slinky and strictly for the boys

If you thought men only wore tights in Shakespearean plays, think again. They could be an essential male item this winter By Adam Fulcher

FROM MID OCTOBER Wolford launches "a world first in the luxury market" - tights formen. Why? Apparently the Wolford Men collection will fill a gap in the male undergarment market, providing men with appropriate clothing for business and leisure. The thick (black only) tights are designed to provide warmth without being obtrusive.

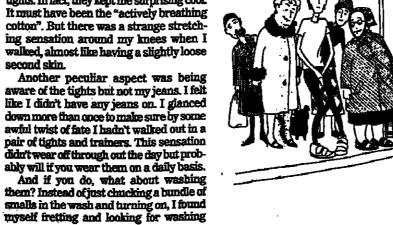
Fitted hooded top, £23, skirt, £18, and fatigue pants, £25; polar fleece rucksack, £20 and trainers, £35, all by Marks & Spencer (0171-935 4422)

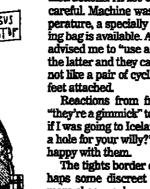
With this in mind, I put them to the test and have to admit they were surprisingly comfortable. But they aren't without problems. Never having worn tights before thonest), how do you put them on without shredding them with a less than perfect pedicure? Childhood memories surfaced of my Mum bunching up her tights and genthy rolling them onto her legs. So far so good. The tights, made from a stretchy "opaque cotton velvet knit", were very snug. Wolford have very helpfully designed them with a Pfront pouch, so no problems there, and the briefs style seaming around the burn was an instant lift. The press blurb saying they provide a "perfect fit" is quite true.



Looking in the mirror, I laughed. My legs looked smooth, black and very slim, which is not a sight I'm used to. The next step was to go out in them, discreetly hidden under a pair of jeans, of course. Thankfully, it was a cool day and I didn't over heat in the tights. In fact, they kept me surprising cool. It must have been the "actively breathing cotton". But there was a strange stretching sensation around my knees when I walked, almost like having a slightly loose second skin.

aware of the tights but not my jeans. I felt like I didn't have any jeans on. I glanced down more than once to make sure by some awful twist of fate I hadn't walked out in a pair of tights and trainers. This sensation didn't wear off through out the day but probably will if you wear them on a daily basis.





instructions. At £39 a go, you can't be too careful. Machine washable at a low temperature, a specially made hosiery washing bag is available. Alternatively, Wolford advised me to "use a large sock". I chose the latter and they came out good as new, not like a pair of cycling shorts with little

Reactions from friends ranged from "they're a gimmick" to "I'd wear them only if I was going to Iceland" to "do they have a hole for your willy?" but I was perfectly

The tights border on dull, though. Perhaps some discreet sequin detailing or more cheery colours might jazz them up. / Will they become part of my winter wardrobe? That's between me, myself and L A man's got to have some secrets....

Tights for men are available in small, medium and large from Wolford boutiques and major department stores. For . stockists call 0171-935 9202



Caring for your family from beyond the grave

If you are run over by a bus tomorrow, make sure your spouse and children are provided for.

By Rachel Fixsen

w would your children cope if you died? It is upsetting to think about. If they are young, you would not be there to give them the start in life you had planned. But by making a will and ensuring you have enough life insurance, you can go some way to extending practical care beyond your own lifetime.

Partly because it is such an unpleasant subject to contemplate, many parents do not insure their own lives. "Nine times out of ten, they [breadwinners] are not covered and the state is not going to provide what they think it's going to provide," says William Meston of Winsec Financial Services, a firm of independent financial advisers.

Working out exactly what life cover you do have is an essential step before considering buying insurance. Financial advisers are bound by law to carry out a full factfind on a particular client, to find out what their assets and liabilities are, before advising them which life products to buy, says Mr Meston.

If you belong to an occupational pension scheme, for instance, it may have a death-in-service element which would pay out a lump sum and pension to your spouse. And it is vital to make sure any debts, including a mortgage, would be repaid.

Life insurance comes in many forms. Term assurance covers you for a fixed period. This is generally cheaper than whole of life assurance, which remains in effect until you die. When buying protection for children, parents would usually only need their life cover to last until the youngest child has grown up.

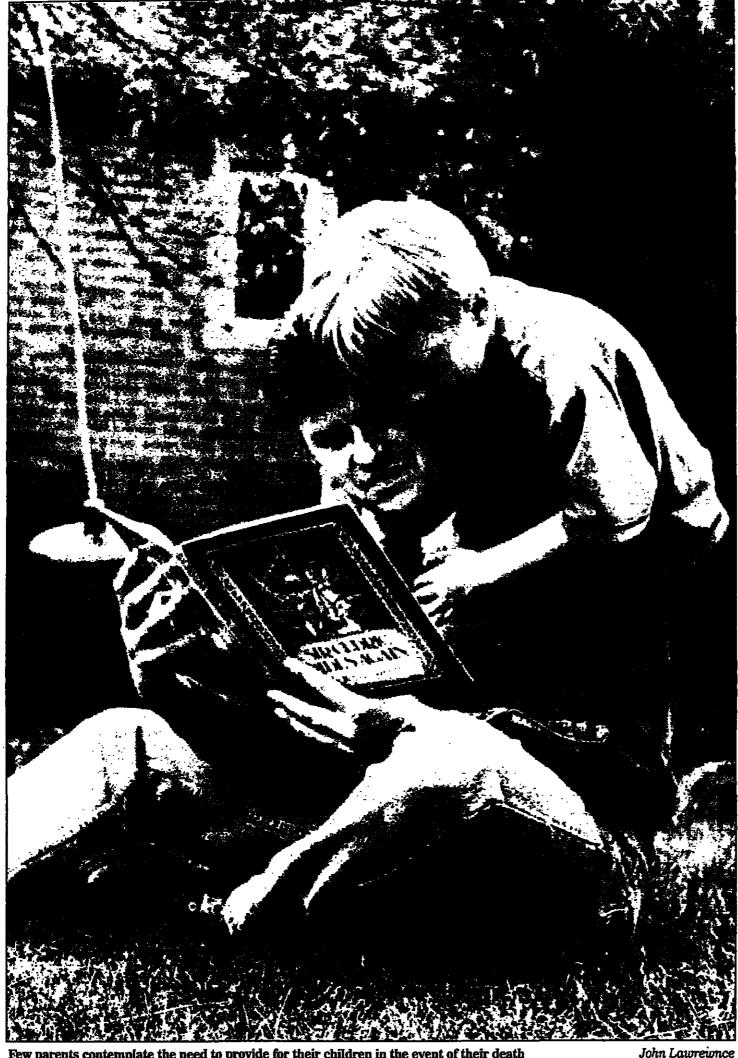
How much cover should you have? "We insist that people have up to 10 times their salary in cover, and that doesn't include their mortgage," says Mr Meston. For example, a man earning £20,000 a year would have insurance set to pay out £200.000 on his death. Wellinvested, this sum could provide an annual income of between £10,000 and £12,000, he says.

A cheaper way of providing dependants with an income is Family Income Benefit insurance. "It is not only cheaper but in a more suitable form," says Clive Scott-Hopkins of Towry Law, another firm of independent financial advisers. This is a type of term assurance which pays out tax-free regular income rather than a lump sum which you would then have to invest.

Insurance may protect your children from financial disaster, but how about ensuring your last wishes are carried out in other respects? Making a will can be crucial.

You may believe you have a simple family structure and in the event of your death your assets would simply pass to your spouse, if he or she outlives you, and your children if not. But it is dangerous to assume this.

Estimates suggest 60 to 65 percent of people die without making a will, although most of them have die without making a will, the



Few parents contemplate the need to provide for their children in the event of their death

intestacy rules apply. These can be very complicated, but generally the first £125,000 of your estate is passed on to your spouse if you have one. The rest of your assets are then shared with any children you had or other relatives if not.

In a will, you can make clear who you would want as guardians to your children, were you and your partner to die together. If this happened and you had not specified, a court would decide who should bring your children up. The task would not estates worth less than £5,000. If you automatically fall to the children's

Unmarried fathers do not have the same rights as married fathers as far as care of their children is concerned, unless specified in a will.

Inheritance tax is another consideration. If your estate passes to your spouse, or if its taxable value is no more than £200,000, then no IHT is generally payable. But in the absence of a will, some of your money may pass to your children and possibly become liable for inheritance tax at 40 percent. It is worth getting specialist advice on this, either from a solicitor, accountant or financial adviser.

There are various ways of making a will. Solicitors are professionally qualified to draft them, and could charge between £30 and £125. Alternatively, banks, insurance comnanies and will-writing companies could help you draw one up. However, some banks may require you to appoint them executor of your will. which can mean extra expense for your beneficiaries after your death.

Which?, the consumer magazine, found in 1996 that no type of willwriting professional was much better than others, though solicitors wrote the most wills rated as good.

WH Smith sells a Willwrite system, which costs £25.50. You complete a questionnaire which is sent off for drafting, then back to you for signing. The Law Society warns against doing it yourself by buying a form at your local newsagent. "After you have died there will be no chance of double-checking with you what you had in mind. So often the wording in a home-made will is

Winsec Financial Services: 01603 762388; Towry Law: 01753 868244

capable of at least two quite contrary

interpretations," it says.

Let your cash grow with the market flow

WHO AMONG us can forget their parents' admonition: "You've made your bed, now you'll have to lie in it." I was reminded of this when Mary Nightingale came to ask me for advice on the stockmarket. "What do you want to

know?" I enquired. Mary replied: "Well, on the surface my dilemma seems straightforward. I want to invest my capital. On the other hand I keep reading about the FTSE falling, recession looming and the Asian crisis. It's all so off-putting.

Mary was beginning to sound worried, so I tried to caim her down: "Look, only this week I met a couple who had the same feelings as you. Despite having a capital sum of lottery proportions they almost felt immobilised by the vast array of choices and the mixed messages they got from friends and so-called experts. So let's start by trying to define what we want this money to do.

"Grow," said Mary, with a

"I was hoping for just a little more definition. How about choosing a point in time when you might want access to the money, bearing in mind you generally shouldn't look to invest any money for less than five years.

Does that mean I can't get my hands on it if I need to?" she replied.

"Not at all, but as soon as you invest there is always the risk that it may go down in value, and, ultimately, what you get back will be heavily influenced by market conditions at the time." I advised her.

"That sounds quite frightening."

Maybe, but there is no such thing as 'risk-free' investment. Even if you out your money into a building society, you are still running a risk. It is the risk that over the years inflation might eat away the buying power of your savings.'

My client said: "OK, when you put it that way I can see the point in having a spread of investments. But which ones?"

"Well, we have agreed that five years is a reasonable need to identify where in the world you would like to invest.

"Not Japan," she replied

"OK, but we can be a little more scientific and measure how risk-averse you are, on a

scale of zero to 10." I then guided Mary through this scale, starting with zero equalling cash and 10 equalling China, Russia and similar types of highly risky markets.

"I'm getting the bang of this, said Mary cheerfully.

"What's next?" I replied: "Well, now we can start talking about your tax position and what it's likely to be in the future. We have to remind ourselves not to let tax be the tail that wags the investment dog. But we need to choose investments that are within the level of acceptable risk and are sympathetic to changing circumstances either personally or through changes in taxation.

THE FIXERS

RODDY KOHN

First-time investors can overcome their fear with some basic rules

Mary asked: "So I can split my investment up according to differing timescales, levels of risk and terms of investment?"

"Now you're getting it." I cried. "So if you want more of your money in low-risk investments for when the stockmarket is jittery, you simply need to invest in those areas between zero and four. When you think markets have settled, then choose to invest in higher-risk funds.'

"How will I know when that time is?"

"This is where practice and theory part company. What you invariably find is that anyone can tell you with hindsight exactly when this moment comes. In the absence of such wisdom, the only way to proceed is to

'There is no such thing as risk-free investment - even if you put your money in a building society, you run a risk'

spread your capital around or have a "diversified portfolio". as it's known in the business. This sounds rather grand; in reality it simply means we should choose investments that don't duplicate whatever you have in, say, your pension

Mary said: "I like the sound of that approach, but what if I am still nervous of investing in a falling market?'

"We can begin by choosing 'capital secure' and 'guaranteed' products offered by companies like HSBC. This fund manager has a capitalprotected PEP which allows you to invest up to £9,000 in four stockmarkets around the

world at very little risk." "That sounds too good to be

true," Mary retorted. "Aye," I said in my strongest Yorkshire accent. "It is very true that you get owt for nowt these days, so next month we will look at the price you pay for such a guarantee."

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Why health insurance should be judged by its cover

FOLLOWING RAPID expansion in the Seventies and Eighties, private medical insurance has hit the doldrums in the Nineties, largely because premiums have continually outstripped inflation. Despite that, and most people's passionate support for the NHS, medical insurance remains popular with many, especially those for whom a NHS vaitinglist could threaten their livelihood

as well as their health. What cover have I got? Many insurers have a range of different policies; some giving very comprehensive benefits while others exclude out-patient benefits in order to save money. Check that you have the cover you want and that it covers who you want it to. If your present insurer cannot offer the cover you want, shop around. Beware, though, that if you have suffered any medical conditions (even apparently minor ones) since starting your policy, any new insurer may covered under a company policy,

cover, so you could be worse off.

Am I covered for pre-existing conditions? You may be asked lots of medical questions and then have certain conditions excluded, or you may be subject to a moratorium. That is where you are not covered for pre-existing conditions for a minimum of two years and until you have been free of treatment, including regular check-ups, for two years. The Office of Fair Trading does not like moratorium underwriting, because it

thinks people can be confused about what cover they have. Insurers that offer it argue that it gives the opportunity to become covered once you have been treatment free for two years. Some insurers give a choice while, if you are

exclude that condition from your there are likely to be no exclusions for pre-existing conditions.

> What is your track record on ium inflation?

In a recent report, the Office of Fair Trading also asked insurers to tell their customers what their track record has been on price changes. The cost of insurance goes up as you get older with most insurers having five-year age bands so, once every five years, your premiums are likely to increase significantly anyway.

Every year, though, your premiums are likely to go up, mainly due to the rate at which medical costs are rising. New techniques can mean better treatment, but often mean higher costs, too. Gissings, a firm specialising in this area, says that GP fundholding means that more patients are being referred to their insurers for treatment.

What are you doing to keep your costs low?

Ten essential questions you should ask before taking out, or changing, your policy. By Andy Couchman

You may now have less cover or less choice or your insurer may have imposed tighter control over the fees your consultant can charge. That could mean having to pay any excess yourself, so you should always check with your insurer before undergoing any medical treatment.

Are there restrictions on hospitals I can be treated in? There are around 600 independent

hospitals and NHS private wings in the UK, ranging from small hospitals up to large hospitals with international reputations. To keep costs low, many insurers now have a preferred list of around 120 hospitals, which have agreed special prices. The downside is less choice. and your chosen consultant may not work at the hospitals on the list.

Is my local hospital included? Most patients go to their local hospital for minor treatments, and to a specialist or teaching hospital for Choose a policy with less cover. more complex conditions. Now,

mean it can make sense to shop around to get the best treatment, even if that means travelling further. Most people tend to stick with the cover that they originally chose, but new products can mean better cover may be available. For example, some policies now include free travel insurance, so if you travel or

day-case treatment (you go home

the same day after your operation)

Can I increase my benefits? holiday abroad you could save money even by choosing a more expensive policy. Check on any restrictions that may apply before making any move.

How can I reduce my premiums? There are three main ways to reduce

One way may be to exclude outshorter hospital stays and more patient cover. While a single outpatient consultation is likely to cost less than £150, a course of treatment perhaps over many months, could easily negate any initial savings. • Pay an excess. By agreeing to pay the first £50-250 of each claim, or each year's claims, you could save up to 25 per cent of your premium. • Read the small print, some insurers offer a no-claims bonus, and paying a one-off small claim yourself could mean paying a lower premium next year. Paying annually could save 5 per cent. If you have joint cover with your spouse, and they are some years older or younger than you are, it could be cheaper for you to each have individual cover.

What is your customer complaints' procedure?

Most insurers are members of the Insurance Ombudsman Scheme or use the Personal Insurance Arbitration Service. Ask your insurer how many complaints have been referred and how many it has lost that could give an indication of how generous they might be.

How do I claim?

Ten years ago, claiming meant filling in a claims form and hoping the insurer would pay. Now, most run telephone helplines staffed by qualified nurses, and some offer medical information even if you are not claiming. If you do need treatment, the last thing you want to worry about is whether you are covered and how much you may have to pay yourself, so a telephone helpline can be a valuable benefit.

Andy Couchman is publishing editor of HealthCare Insurance Report

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In the pensions arena at least, people need not worry. The Pensions Ombudsman is ideal for people with budget pockets, as the service is free and consumer-friendly. Dr Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman, investigates and decides complaints and disputes concerning occupational pension schemes. He is inde-

subjects to work on: there are some 200,000 occupational pension schemes, all of which can face complaints against them

Pamper that your pet with a personal policy

> We all love our pets, and with vets' bills ever increasing it makes sense to insure them By Katherine Storey

aking out housenot discover until it is too late." hold contents in-One of Direct Line's first claims was for a Scottish terrier which was fitted with a is automatic. Buychild's pacemaker, obtained ing travel and from Great Ormond Street medical insurance is nothing Hospital. The operation cost out of the ordinary. Insurance for our pets is, however, a rel-Other typical treatments atively new idea and, as with all which carry high costs are, good ones, it is expanding at a

for example, £850 for treatpectacular rate. ment for a three-year-old cat in-The market leader, with 42 volved in a road accident, £800 for a dachshund with paralysis per cent of the UK's pet insurof the hind legs following a ance business, remains Petplan, the firm founded some 22 slipped disc, and £1,500 for a years ago. However, in the past Labrador with arthritis that two years Petplan's dominance needed a hip replacement. has been under increasing Cats and dogs are not the challenge from a wide range of only animals catered for in the other providers, while the marpet insurance market, although ket has itself grown massively. they are the most commonly

There are now more than 1.5 insured. Petplan entered the million owners who hold inurance cover for their pets, a 1988, and is now the market leader in this field. Rabbits figure which grows every year. Adrian Webb, of Direct Line can be insured by Petplan, Insurance, which 14 months under its relatively new scheme, Rabbit Plan. Cover is ago launched a new service in insuring cats and dogs, says: also available for more exotic "Pet owners should not see pet pets but is only offered by a few insurance as a ltixury any-

high, which many owners do available, most including vet-fall ill. These come under a pet insurance, carried out by



Insurance can ensure that your beloved pet gets the best care available

ness, death from accident or illness, advertising and reward is chosen. for recovering a lost or stolen pet, holiday cancellation cover should your pet fall ill immediately before you getch holiday, and boarding kemiel fees. There is a variety of cover should you have an accident of

COMPARISON OF ANIMAL INSURANCE POLICIES

depending on the scheme that

out any sort of insurance, you should read the small print of clusions there are. A report on pregnancy may be covered.

won't be able to claim for the costs of vaccinations or routine examinations. Neutering and pregnancy, and elective surgery for pregnant animals. the policy in order to check aren't covered, although what is covered and what ex- complications arising from

Charles spaniels are prone to heart problems. Many policies won't cover these complaints, or will offer only limited cover for them." Other, more unusual, bene-

fits are provided by some schemes. For example, an insurance scheme for the overfifties, run by the Saga group, pays out a sum of £750 should your cat or dog capture an intruder in your house. This benefit, sadly only applying to dogs in this case, is also offered by Equine and Livestock, which pays out up to £850. Another and suffering, cost of employunusual benefit comes from ing a gardener, and the private 009; Sago, 0800 99 77 66

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erinary fees for accident or ill- number of different premiums Which? magazine, says: "You be able to claim for particular Direct Line, which offers a be- health insurance costs, the diseases or conditions for cerreavement help line on the tain types of animal. For exdeath of your pet. ample, retrievers can be One aspect of cover

provided by most pet insurers is that of third party liability, usually for dogs and horses. In this age of litigation, this type of cover is becoming more and more vital As an owner, you are responsible for your animal's actions, including its less de-

sirable ones. For example, one claim involved a Newfoundland dog who jumped up at its insured owner's elderly neighbour. This resulted in the neighbour fracturing his hip, leading to an artificial hip replacement. After paying for the hip replacement, compensation for pain

overall outlay came to £37,512. However, again, it is worth checking the small print on your policy for any third party exclusions. Dogs listed under the Dangerous Dogs Act are

Ian Torrance

Pet insurance is not only becoming a necessity for the pet owner but is also a way of ensuring that your animal receives the best care available. As Emma Turton, at Saga, says: "A pet is as valuable as a member of your family. Taking out pet insurance will insure that you will meet its needs."

Direct Line, 0117 946 8833; Equine and Livestock, 01423 331322; Jardine Pet Insurance, 0121 224 6777; Petplan, 0800 282

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Are you unhappy with the way your occupational PENSIONS HAVE often been described, rightly, as being pension is being run? The Ombudsman provides among the most important financial issues that we will be

called upon to resolve in our lifetimes. In old age, having enough to live on is critical. That is why upwards of 22 investigated. Despite these million people are members of huge figures, the number of occupational pension schemes complainants is relatively small: the annual report for offered by their employers, from which they hope to bene-1997/98 shows that the number fit at retirement. But what hapof new applications, which are pens if you have a complaint not the same as complaints, is about how your scheme is run?

down to 2,840 as against 4,195 Stories of "fat cat" lawyers in 1996-97 and 3,639 the year bemay frighten some victims from seeking justice on the fore that. Last year there were 1,386 grounds that the fees alone actual complaints and/or diswill bankrupt them. But there are alternatives to expensive putes, of which 1,059 were resolved with the Ombuds-High Court litigation. man's help. This latter figure included 623 formal "determinations", rulings by the

Ombudsman after a thorough investigation, compared to 384 the year before. Primarily the Pensions Ornbudsman investigates complaints of maladministration by people responsible for the management of occupational pensions schemes. He also topendent and acts as an imparrestigates dispute of fact or law concerning pensions schemes tial adjudicator. He certainly has plenty of with trustees or managers or employers (but not other

iministrators).

Maladministration involves

which might then have to be "bias, neglect, inattention, delay, incompetence, ineptitude, perversity, turpitude, or arbitrariness". It is not enough merely to disagree with a decision: the complainant must

have reason to believe that the

decision was not properly made

There is no financial limit on potential: compensation orders: the record is £168m plus

interest

or implemented. Disputes of fact or law usually arise inci-dentally to a complaint of maladministration without ending a separate investigation. The Pensions Ombudsman carinot investigate a complaint already subject to court proceedings or

free help and advice. By Stephanie Hawthorne

complaints about state social security benefits. When you have a complaint you should first try to sort it out with the person responsible for the management of the pension scheme, using the internal dispute resolution procedure. If you are still not satisfied, you should first ask OPAS (the pen-

sions advisory service) for help. It is important to act quickly. Complainants must write to the Pensions Ombudsman within three years of the act or omission that they are disputing. If they did not or could know about the matter at that time, the three years run from the moment that they know or ought to have known. Time spent within the occupational scheme's internal dispute procedure is disregarded, as is

time with OPAS. There is no financial limit on the Pensions Ombudsman's potential compensation orders. The highest-ever award has been £168m plus interest in September 1996, the highest in 1997-98 was £30.79m, again plus interest, in August 1997, both

cases brought by pension scheme members against a bus company they worked for Dr Farrand and the nature of his organisation have been the subject of controversy. Robin Ellison - of the legal firm

Eversheds - says that while the Ombudsman is a "very talented and able individual", the structure of the organisation "is not designed to cope with tens of millions of pounds. It can result in both sides facing huge costs if they have to appeal."

However, Keith Wallace, of the solicitors Richards Butler, defends Dr Farrand: "High Court justice is a Rolls-Royce where the Ombudsman is a bicycle and is quite unfair for the Rolls-Royce judge to criticise the bicycle's engineering."

Most pension lawyers do not want the system changed, but a few would prefer two members drawn from industry.

One important point to note is that complaints concerning the sale of personal pensions are investigated by the Personal Investment Authority, the front-line financial services regulator, not the Pensions Ombudaman.

The Pensions Ombudsman: 0171-834 9144. Stephanie Hawthorne is of Pensions World.

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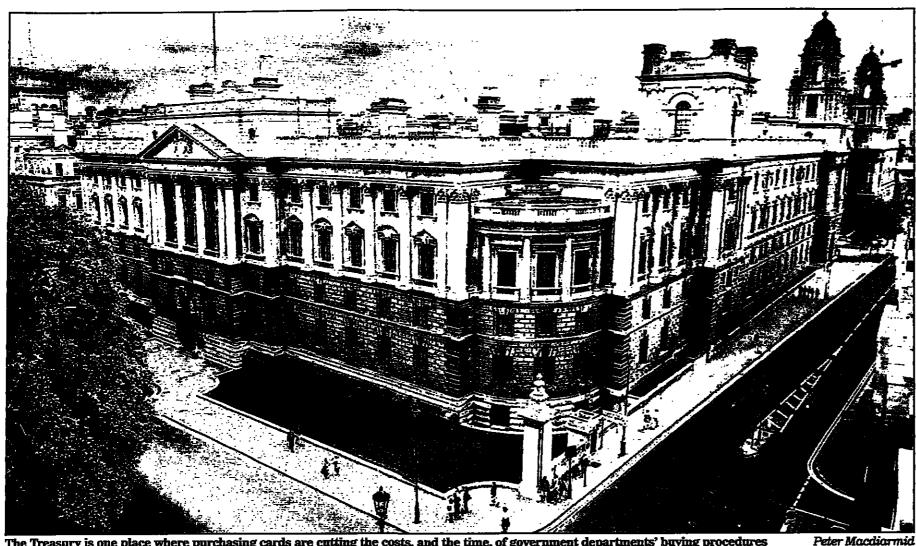
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ZURICH MUNICIPAL focusing on the Public Sector

The public sector is using an idea that could save millions in costs. By Paul Gosling

Big savings on the cards



The Treasury is one place where purchasing cards are cutting the costs, and the time, of government departments' buying procedures

hen, last October the Treasurv introduced card for use in departments, it claimed it could save £60m a year. The move followed a highly critical report from the National Audit Office which found that it typically cost £70 in bureaucracy for each order - even, as in one extreme example, to buy a 98p padlock.

Corporate purchasing cards are common currency in the private sector, and it is surprising that it has taken the public sector so long to catch on. A card – similar to an ordinary credit card - can be used for making purchases in person or over the phone, and each holder is given a personal limit per item, as well as a budget. The holder has no need to obtain authorisation from a more senior official, thereby saving time, reducing the need for central buyers, and eliminating paperwork. It can also improve budgetary control by decentralising the process.

Administration costs are borne by the transaction when the customer department." confirms goods have been correctly

received, bringing payment forward by weeks or even months. Suppliers may also be willing to reduce the costs of goods when they are assured of early payment.

Using procurement cards, which are the same as the private sector's corporate purchasing cards, the Treasury expects to save 60 per cent of transactional costs. The next stage - though this may take some to implement - will be to use electronic commerce for most of Whitehall's buying. Corporations already using a combination of electronic commerce and purchasing cards find they can eliminate as much as 90 per cent of purchasing costs.

The same benefits being achieved by central government can be made by other public bodies, as is being proved by Stirling Council, the first local authority to use purchasing cards. The system was implemented by Stirling's purchasing manager, Russell Green, who says: "I had worked with purchasing cards in a previous job overseas with an American company. When I came to Stirling Council, it seemed ideal for low

Royal Bank of Scotland and Visa, Mr Green proposed using purchasing cards to improve housing maintenance operations.

Initially, the council's internal audit section was concerned at the possibility of fraud, but a procedure was developed that is effective against it. There a limit of £250 on each purchase, and cardholders are only permitted to buy goods that are strictly related to their work.

Visa categorises all goods purchased on its cards, and Stirling's housing maintenance supervisors can only buy items that are categorised as building materials. Buying cameras, meals or an evening out at a nightclub should be impossible with these controls. Under the old system, a housing

maintenance supervisor would visit a tenant to assess the problem, and decide how to repair it. He would then fill in a form requisitioning the goods required; this would go to a job much quicker, so he is getting buyer, who would raise an order, the more jobs done," says Russell in value which order would be given to the super-Green. "The tradesmen are able to purchase cards. visor; the supervisor would submit do more work, so they are able to the order; when the goods were re-earn more bonuses, the operation is

would match this note to the order to approve payment; the finance department would then issue a cheque. Obtaining goods could take days, mistakes were made, and payment

Using a purchasing card, the supervisor can assess the job and phone through an order to the builders' merchants, giving his card number, and arrange to collect the materials in half an hour. He can immediately phone through a request to the tradesmen to go straight to the house to effect an emergency repair. The only paperwork required is that the supervisor fills out a transaction log, which is compared with the monthly Visa account statement. This procedure not only cuts out 60 per cent of the costs where it is used, but saves time for the tenant waiting for repairs.

"The most important thing is that the guy is getting goods to the Working in conjunction with the be sent to the buyer, the buyer partment. Under the old system, the ing exactly that.

supervisor could spend two or three hours a day just on paperwork. And we still have control, because we know who he is buying from."

After an initial trial with housing maintenance, Stirling Council has approved the more widespread use of its purchasing card. It is now being used in roads maintenance and waste management, will soon be introduced in the catering and cleaning departments, and will eventually be used by all parts of the authority. The card is not appropriate for large value purchases, but it will be used for thousands of low value purchases, where the average cost of each good is £15, but which typically cost between £35 and £75 in paperwork to buy.

Moves to use purchasing cards were given an important boost last month, when Customs and Excise introduced new rules which no longer require paper evidence of the VAT element of goods up to £5,000 in value which are bought using

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Flirting while the rouble plummets

THERE'S A lot to be said for not being Russian at the moment. The news footage of harried Moscow roubletraders looking as if the best choice they'll be offered all day is between suicide and assassination is a useful reminder of how lucky we are here. With all the markets wobbling like jelly, the punters in our section are staying away in droves, so we have time for lunch and chatting, and sorting out our lives. One main topic of

conversation continues to be Norman's barbecue, which is turning out to be a fertile source of jokes. There's Norm's jumper, for instance, practically a joke in itself: one of those stripy, multicoloured but subdued numbers that makes any man who wears one look like a Romanian chart-topper, especially if he's got a moustache. No designer gear for Normski, obviously. Then there's the food:

immaculately cooked, as I said before, but unsullied by seasoning. Still, at least we didn't get salmonella. No hangovers, either: our host had laid on low-alcohol beer and lots of lemon barley water. because "you've all got to drive home, and I'm sure you don't want to risk getting stopped by the police". Not something that Rory's ever concerned himself with, but then he's never had a party you had to drive to. Oh, how we missed him on Sunday, when we had to stand around making small talk while sober.

Still, there's one thing to be said for our new boss. Apart from the Sunday summons to the rented mansion in Surrey, he shows little interest in seeing us outside work, a feeling best described as mutual. So no being dragged off to seedy pubs with saggy strippers, no chrome-and-glitz late-night drinking-clubs, no swimming-pool-sized Stollyand-tonics. Norman would rather stay late at the office "getting to grips with things over here" as he puts it, and we'd rather leave early and see our real friends.

As a result, everyone's social life has improved no end. I've managed five dinners in the past week, and I didn't fall asleep during any of them. Just as well, really, since a couple of them were at the sort of trendy eateries



with one-word names where the atmosphere's so vibrant you'd be turfed out for yawning, and two were at the houses of friends I haven't seen for months. And the other was a date.

Despite intense

questioning, Laura has found out no more about the event than the last time I had dinner with Olivier, who turned out to be disappointingly less of a Lothario than expected, even if it was because my friend Giles, his colleague, had warned him off. "I thought you were worried about not getting free France-England rugby match tickets off him." I told Olivier over pudding. "Pah!" he answered, with, yes, a shrug (and we wonder why we have national stereotypes). France are football champions now. Rugby is for vesterday. Besides, I couldn't stop thinking about you."

Well, what could I say? After several dates with chaps who plainly couldn't stop thinking about themselves. comments like that were bound to have an effect. I started to feel fuzzy and happy. Not only that; I realised I could, after all, fancy Olivier more than he fancied himself. despite my first impressions at Giles's dinner party all those months ago. So I'm seeing him for a meal tomorrow evening, and I can't

wipe the smile off my face. Now that I look, everyone in the team seems to be beaming. Marco and Freddie have had a good lunch, Marlene has just booked a weekend away... and Norman is happily perusing the filing system

My heart sinks. From where I'm sitting, I can tell he's about to hit "Obviously Made-Up CVs" and find himself, so to speak. That will wipe the smile off his face. I hiss at Laura: "You did remove it. didn't you?"

IN BRIEF

VENTURE CAPITAL trusts, launched to encourage individuals to invest in smaller companies not listed on the Stock Exchange, have raised £535m since October 1995, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers. The 26 VCTs have invested £160m in 212 companies, with the average investment £508,000.

MIKE KINSKI, chief executive of the fast-growing transport group Stagecoach, is calling for a revamp of company annual reports after attracting extensive press comment over a £250,000 "golden hello". In an interview with the latest issue of Personnel Today magazine, he hlames accounting conventions for giving a misleading impression of his one-off payment. The money was paid to him to offset potential bonuses he would have received had he remained in his old post as chairman of Southern Water. He says it should have been described in that way rather than as performance pay, which he admits cannot be justified as a bonus for three weeks' work.

CITY TRADERS are being warned against taking a "scattergun" approach to sending out CVs. Trish Collins, managing director of the specialist recruitment consultancy the Exchange Consulting Group, says that "CV churning" is a growing practice in the City, with a good percentage of the 500,000 resumes circulating every year sent out by consultancies on an indiscriminate basis. "Unauthorised mail-shotting of CVs often results in the CV hitting the desk of the client three or four times with resultant perceived devaluation of the candidate," says Ms Collins.

UK COMPANIES thinking about doing business overseas should pay particular attention to five key areas that could have an impact on their UK corporation tax exposure, according to accountants Kidsons Impey. Local tax laws - whether to set up a branch or a subsidiary operation; anti-avoidance laws, the financing of overseas operations and transfer pricing are all highlighted in the firm's guide Doing Business Abroad.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY Howarth Consulting is holding a seminar on 12 October on modifying information technology and business systems to cope with the introduction of Economic and Monetary Union. Guest speakers at the event include Treasury official Andrew Sheffield, and Charles Brewer, chairman of the Computer Software and Services Association.

WHO SAYS it's a dull life being an accountant? John Hall and John Travers of the Rotherham office of chartered accountants Haines Watts have been appointed administrative receivers of Askrigg Hotels, operator of the hotel and public house known to millions as "The Drover's Arms". The pair are seeking buyers for the historic property in the Yorkshire Dales that featured in the hit BBC series All Creatures Great and Small.

Pensions getting into bad company

WHEN IT comes to pensions, it appears that large companies are pretty much like the population at large. That is, they have a tendency to not think about them too much or, when they do, to be rather confused.

This picture emerges from an annual survey of the approaches taken by FTSE 100 companies to complying with \$SAP24, the accounting standard relating to the disclosure in company accounts of pensions information. This fifth study by the consulting actuaries Lane Clark & Peacock coincides with the 10th anniversary of the introduction of the standard and concludes that, while the intervening years have seen improvements, it has not succeeded in its overall aim of full pensions disclosure.

Since the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) - the successor body to the group that gave the world SSAP24 - has recently announced proposals for a new standard in this area, it is tempting to believe that this is not such cause for concern. However, Lane Clark & Peacock is concerned that reform may not make things appreciably better.

Bob Scott, a partner in the firm, says that greater prescription over the assumptions that companies can make when calculating their future liabilities should lead to the greater consistency and, hence, comparability that are generally sought by accounts users. But he warns that the expected shift away from actuarial assumptions to the use of market values could create great volatility in accounting for pensions and hence make it difficult to understand what the figures actually mean.

clarity around at the moment. Some pensions disclosures even defy the

understanding of experts in the field such as Mr Scott. For example, in the report the

firm takes to task the 1997 accounts

Accounting directive SSAP24 may sound harmless. But it has resulted in some of Britain's biggest corporations being taken to task for the way they disclose pension details. By Roger Trapp



Safeway is one of just five companies named for adequate pension disclosures

of BT Pointing out that the company has the country's largest pension fund, it says that it is looking for BT That said, there is not a lot of to take a lead in this area. "In some ways they do," says the survey. "There is a substantial note on pension costs in the financial review, as well as the full note in its normal place at the end of the accounts. They show the pension provision and

the offsetting tax credit very clearly. the July 1997 Budget of the Advance Unfortunately, the details given on the assumptions used, although very full, are confusing."

And, talking of tax credits, Mr Scott and his fellow Lane Clark & Peacock partner, Richard Ahramson, are somewhat nonplussed by the way in which companies have tended to respond to the abolition in

Corporation Tax (ACT) credit. About a third of the companies in the FTSE 100 could not comment in their accounts on the impact of what amounts to a 20 per cent fall in dividend income because they had already reported by the time of the Budget. But of the 63 that issued their accounts after mid-July, a full

38 made no mention of ACT and, says the report, "in most cases, it was clear that no change had been made to their costings to allow for the impact". Of the 25 companies that did refer to the change, most concluded that it had very little effect. In fact, only three companies – BG (formerly British Gas), Royal Bank of Scotland and Williams indicated a very large cost increase as a result.

Remarking that "on the face of it, these are very strange results". Lane Clark & Peacock concludes that the relaxed approach has at least something to do with companies subtly altering their actuarial assumptions - just the sort of flexibility that is allowed for in the accounting standard and the very thing that Sir David Tweedie and his colleagues at the ASB abhor.

But, of course, this leads to still greater confusion. As the firm says, t may be that those companies with the weakest, or most optimistic, assumptions will act quickest, while those with stronger or more conservative, assumptions might be better able to weather the change.

Whatever the current picture is not a pretty one from the viewpoint of Lane Clark & Peacock, Just five companies - Bass, Centrica (formerly part of British Gas), Reed International, Safeway and Standard Chartered (a client of Lane Clark & Peacock) - receive top scores for their disclosures, while three others - BP. Lucas Varity and Sun Life & Provincial - are picked out for inadequate disclosures.

Since the FTSE 100 companies have funds worth a total of more than £200bn and that providing pensions can amount to as much as a third of pre-tax profits, it is perhaps understandable that Lane Clark & Peacock believes companies should be giving the area a little more attention than appears to be the case at present.

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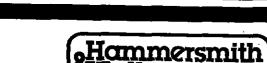
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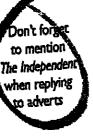
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Communication lets you down

Trouble with the boss? A new course in how to work together may provide the answer. By Helen Jones

British Aerospace, has a problem with her boss. "He tries to take on too many things at once and never finishes a job," she says. But instead of seething inwardly. Ms Brierley told him about his shortcomings. This was possible because she was on a training programme run by the company to improve working

Secretaries are no longer merely glorified typists, many are responsible for decision-making and handling budgets. But despite this changes, some bosses don't know how to work effectively with their secretaries while some secretaries don't know how to handle their bosses.

"Managers have been trained in teamwork but few have been taught with a secretary. Equally, secretaries may have been on courses on everything from assertiveness to presentation skills yet few have

TRACEY BRIERLEY, a secretary at boss," says David Porter, a partner in management consultancy Insight Business Solutions which devised the training programme for British

> British Aerospace has recognised for sometime that the working relationships between its managers and administrative support staff could affect productivity, business efficiency and morale. So managers and their secretaries are taken out of the office for a day to participate in exercises designed to help their understanding of each other.

"The secretaries go into one room and the managers - who are almost always blokes because the aerospace industry is so male dominated - go into another. Then they all aspects of management and are asked the same question: what is it reasonable to expect of the other how to manage their relationship party? They then get together to discuss their answers," says Beverley Harvey one of Insight Business Solutions course tutors.

designed to facilitate open and honest discussion in a constructive way and there are certain ground rules so that you can give feedback with-out getting personal." Tracey Brier-ley says that initially she was sceptical about the exercise because she had worked with her boss Allan Humphries for a long time and had moved jobs within British Aerospace with him.

"When Allan suggested we go on the course I really didn't want to go. My first reaction was that if I had

her boss failed to delegate enough. She also believed that he should sometimes close his office door to allow him to get on with work. "She's dead right but nothing was ever said before," says Allan.

For his part Allan wanted Tracey to understand his priorities and to She says that the emphasis is on recognise that his diary was opinions," she says. He has also been taught how to deal with the identifying expectations and devel- sometimes so full he had no time agreed to include Tracey more and one another better. Bob Fairclough



should know him by now," she says. a plan to address these problems.

Tracey's main problem was that This included improving time man-This included improving time management by setting aside a few min-utes at the start of the day to agree agreeing to ask Tracey's opinion be-fore making decisions on matters For Be she knows about - "Allan didn't always have time to ask or listen to my

work in a team but I don't know what the other people in the team really do. It would get quite embarrassing sometimes," she says. The pair say priorities; finding two hours twice a that months later they are still stick-week for "thinking time"; and Allan ing to the plan and that it is work-

For Bob Fairclough and his secretary Cathy Rolfe, who were both new to their jobs, the workshop gave them a chance to get to know

working relationship straightway" I work a lot from home and I wanted more of an assistant who could participate in the work I did." Bob and Cathy decided to work

through his business objectives and his role in the company. Cathy says: We are now a lot more confident in what we can achieve and understand each other a lot more." According to David Porter these reactions are fairly typical. He says that managers ironed out." he says.

pabilities of their secretaries, don't spell out their priorities, don't keep them informed or treat them as part of the team. And he adds that secretaries want to be involved, loathe watching their bosses type and are maddened when carefully set up filing systems are repeatedly ruined.

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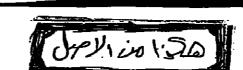
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APRIL STORY/FRIED DRAGON FISH (NC) **Director:** Shunji Iwai

Stairring: Takako Matsu, Kaori Fujil (April Story); Miyoki Yoshimoto (Fried Dragon Fish) April Story is a wistful drama about love and

friendship centred around a teenager beginning university: Fried Drugon Fish is a tongue-in-cheek cop thriller. Both demonstrate a lack of imagination and a tendency to fall back on the mannerisms of their respective genres. West End: ICA Cinema THE PROPOSITION (12)

THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG) Director: Robert Reciford

Starring: Robert Redford, Kristin Scott Thomas Robert Redford has never directed himself before, and we should be grateful - the love-affair on screen between Robert Redford and Robert Vadim Jean started off in cinema by co-directing Redford is one of the most intensely unsettling Leon the Pig Farmer. The Real Howard Spitz, a ever seen. He plays Tom Booker, a Montana farmer who specialises in equine psychology. A New York magazine editor (Kristin Scott Thomas). whose daughter has been traumatised in a riding accident brings her daughter and the girl's horse to Booker, hoping for them to be cured. The picture is efficiently acted, but it's despicably shallow.West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Hill, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road

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Director: Guy Ritchie Starring: Dexter Flatcher, Vinnie Jones See The Independent Recommends, right West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

MR NICE GUY (15) Director: Samo Hung

Starring: Jackle Chan, Richard Norton, Miki Lee This largely disappointing addition to Jackie Chan's ocuvre has its moments -a fight scene on a construction site is a particular delight. But the combination of comedy and adventure doesn't gel West End: Virgin Trocadero

Historical drama unavailable for preview at time of going to press. West End: ABC Ponton Street

THE REAL HOWARD SPITZ (PG) Director: Vacim Jean

Starring: Kelsey Grammer, Amanda Donohoe sunny comedy about a children's writer (Kelsey Grammer, aka Frasier) who hates children, is his most likeable work. It sets out to be a family comedy and succeeds; originality may be thin on the ground, but the direction is breezy, and Grammer has a lovely, grouchy demeanour. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero

THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG) Director: David Marnet

Starring: Campbell Scott, Steve Martin Joe Ross (Scott) has developed a top secret, potentially lucrative formula, referred to only as "the process". His boss (Ben Gazzara) is thrusting forms in his face, determined to secure loyalty; but a sinister new acquaintance, Martin, warns Joe that he may be swindled. Who should he trust? Mamet's intricate thriller is a playful exercise in twisting a plot until it locks; there is a scientific detatchment about the way he explores every permutation of his Kafkaesque scenario, though the movie is also slyly finny. West End: Gate Notting Hill, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Phoenix Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the

Green, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket,

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GENERAL RELEASE

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD (U) A perfect antidote to the bombast of Armageddon can be found in Michael Curtiz's merry and way beyond being mere sentimental travelogue. inventive romp, one of the greatest swashbucklers West End: Renoir ever made. West End: Clapham Picture House

ARMAGEDDON (12)

This deeply stupid film purports to be a tender love story, a meaty action adventure and a global by shootings and jive-talkin' homeboys. James disaster movie in which a meteor is on a collision Belushi is great as a spectacularly sleazy as a course with Earth. Every moment is carefully corrupt cop who accidentally kills an undercover engineered to include something for all the officer West End: Elephant & Castle Coronet. family, yet its jumble of styles will end up pleasing Virgin Trocadero no one. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, GODZILLA (PG)

THE AVENGERS (12)

Ralph Flennes dons the bowler hat and wields the Tourn, UCI Whiteleys cane as Steed, Uma Thurman pours herself into a catsuit as Emma Peel, while Sean Connery sashays around in a kilt as August De Wynter. In most ways a disappointment - to both lovers of the original. and to fans of the main performers. West End: Odeon Kensington, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelseo, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U)

Feature-length exploits for the big, jolly dinosar whose blend of nursery rhymes, day-glo colours and moral lessons makes him ideal for the more undemanding pre-school viewer - but an endurance test for anyone else. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

LE BOSSU (15)

Sumptuous swashbucklers are fast becoming French cinema's stock-in-trade. This effort doesn't break much new ground, but is acted and shot with such magnificent braggadocio that its lack of originality is never a problem. And it's great to see the superb Daniel Auteuil in an action role. and the movie looks terrific. West End: Odeon West West End: Curzon Mayfair, Richmond Filmhouse End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

THE CASTLE (15) When his home is threatened with demolition to make way for an airport, truck driver Darryl Kerrigan (Michael Caton), together with his family and friends, decides to fight back and stand up for his rights. West End: Empire Leicester Square, THE MAGIC SWORD: QUEST FOR Odeon Swiss Cottage

THE DAYTRIPPERS (15)

Worried that her husband (Stanley Tucci) may be having an affair, Eliza (Hope Davis) confides in her parents, only to find that the whole family insists on accompanying her to Manhattan for the day to confront him. Writer-director Greg Mottola charts the tensions of the family car journey with unerring wit, West End: Odeon Camden Town, Vergin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket

DR DOLITTLE (PG)

Within the restrictions of a PG certificate, Eddie Murphy shows that his talents are more pliable than they might have first appeared. West End: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammer smith Virgin, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

EVE'S BAYOU (15)

Rites-of-passage drama set in Louisiana locations which have been devalued by too many Southern Comfort ads. Despite some intuitive observations, this feels for the most part like reheated Fried Green Tomatoes. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Plaza, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero

FIRELIGHT (15)

Starchy 19th-century melodrama starring Sophie Marceau as a Swiss governess who bears a child for the wealthy aristocrat Stephen Dillane, then devotes the rest of her life to finding the girl. West

his father. There is a warmth and humour to the storytelling and an integrity which pushes this film

GANG RELATED (15)

Warner Village West End

A new American thriller which gives a few welcome twists to the formulaic routine of drive-

Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon The team which cooked up such blockbusters as Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Stargate and Independence Day is generally very Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, adept at constructing enjoyable adventures. Worner Village West Endr End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Camden

RANA-BI (18)

rector-star Takeshi Kitano picked up the Golden Lion at last year's Venice Film Festival with this violent yet elegiac portrait of a brutal Japanese policeman who finds himself pushed over the edge by his traumatic personal life. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Clapham Picture House, Metro

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U)

This sprightly adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story began a string of hits for the newly rejuvenated Disney Studios. Pleasantly jazzy boliday fare. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Warner Village West End

LOST IN SPACE (PG)

Lost in Space is yet another cult 1960s television series to get an expensive makeover but the filmmakers have remained faithful to the original tone

LOVE AND DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15) A warm, subtle comedy starring John Hurt as a reclusive widower who becomes obsessed with a young film actor. West End: ABC Piccadilly

CAMELOT (U)

The first full-length product of Warners' new animation division, this Arthurian adventure seems even cheesier than the average Disney effort, West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Rio Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village

METROLAND (18)

Seventies suburban morality tale in which Christian Bale plays a man festering somewhere in the commuter belt when his oldest friend thinks that he ought to be out having fun. There are some endearing moments but, on the whole, director Philip Saville shows a dispiriting lack of ambition. West End: Metro, Virgin Haymarket

THE WEDDING SINGER (12)

A shamelessly dumb but very winning comedy set in the Eighties, about a hopelessly romantic wedding singer who falls in love with a waitress Orew Barrymore), only to find she is engaged. West End: Warner Village West End

THE X-FILES (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Shaftesbury Avenue. Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington. Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End. Hiter Cinemis, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen, Virgin Fidham Road, Wigin Trocadero

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THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS



Film Ryan Gilbey

THE BRITISH crime movie has a long history, but recent efforts in this genre have chosen to follow the lead of Quentin Tarantino by mixing deadpan humour with cold brutality. Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (left) employs this recipe, but the film's defining characteristic is its resilient morality. Beneath the cruel violence and coarse humour, this is a nostalgic piece, as hinted at by the closing nod to The Italian Job. On general release

Fans of The X-Files television series have been heard to complain that the show's itinerant approach to conspiracy theories had taken some of the hastre out of the subject. In which case, the film version isn't likely to offer any compensation. But it looks splendid on the big screen. David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprise their roles as FBI agents Mulder and Scully, and the screenplay gives them a meaty conundrum to chew on.

Theatre Dominic Cavendish

IN DUTCH MAESTRO Ivo van Hove's radical interpretation of Albert Camus' Calignia (below), the philosophising tyrant has a cameraman at his beck and call. Although the actors never face the audience in this study of existentialist man in extremis, we are

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Vying for attention - and not to be outdone by Ted Hughes's new version, starring Diana Rigg, which opens at the Albery tomorrow -Racine's masterpiece, Phèdre, is staged in French (with surtitles) by ace director Luc Bondy. King's Theatre, Edinburgh (0131-473 3000) 7.30pm



Art Richard Ingleby

GOYA'S "Los Desastres de la Guerra", one man's nightmare of the Napoleonic invasion of Spain, gives the title to Disasters of War: Callot, Goya, Dix, the touring exhibition of prints from the British Museum, Sixty-nine of Goya's 82 prints are on show along with Jacques Callot's "Miseries of War", and Otto Dix's vision of life in the trenches, "War", which includes the

etching Stormtroops advance under gas (detail, above). Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Church Street, Brighton (01273 290900) to 4 Oct

The Pier Arts Centre at Stromness on Orkney is one of the most surprising and appealing galleries in the country. Permanent home to Margaret Gardiner's collection of English modernist work of the Thirties and Forties, it also hosts excellent temporary exhibitions, few better than the current show, Green Waters, a poetic collaboration between Ian Hamilton Finlay, Ian Stephen and Graham Rich. Victoria Street, Strommess (01856 850209) to 26 Sept

Comedy James Rampton

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IF Bacofoil jumpsuits and "Calling Occupants of Interplanetary Craft" are your bag, then see Jackie Clune's show (right). In "It's Jackie!", the

through camp classics by the likes of Dusty Springfield, Karen Carpenter, Sandy Shaw and Cilla Black. Come and relive the Seventies in all their kitsch glory. Supper Room, Assembly, Edinburgh (0131-226 2428) 10.25pm

Aussie comedians have often thrived on this side of the world - just look at Mark Little, Bob Downe and a certain Barry Humphries. A new wave are now following in their footsteps with Oz.Dot.Comedy. The well-regarded trio of Carl Barron, Matt Sutherland and Adam Richard claim

to have come over from Sydney and Melbourne "in one suitcase". Edinburgh Suite, Assembly, Edinburgh (0131-226 2428) 9.50pm



CINEMA WEST END

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ABC PANTON STREET (0171-930 0631) © Piccadilly Circus The Big Lebowski 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Jackle Brown 1.30pm, 4.40pm, 7.45pm Live Flesh 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm The Proposition 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.25pm 6pm, 8.25pm

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ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD

(0171-636 6148) O Tottenham Court Road Armageddon 1,45pm, 5.30pm, 8.40pm The Horse Whisperer 1.05pm, 4.45pm, 8.20pm Lock, Stock And Two 1.10pm. 3.15pm. 6.40pm, 9.15pm

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EMPIRE LEICESTER SOUARE (0171-437 1234) & Leicester Square The Castle 3.15pm, 6.30pm, Godzilla 5.50pm, 8.40pm

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) → Notting Hill Gate The Spanish Prisoner 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.25pm, 8.50pm

HAMMERSMITH VIRGIN (0870-9070718) ← Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith Armageddon om, 8.30pm Dr Dollittle 12.15pm 2.20cm The Horse Whis .20pm, 4.50pm, 8.15pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 12.40pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm The X-Files 12.15pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm

ICA CINEMA (0171-930 3647) & Charing Cross April Story/Fried Dragon Fish 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.15pm Majorettes in Space: Five Gay Tales From Prance 5pm, 7pm, 9pm La Strada 6.30pm, 8.40pm

(0171-437 0757) & Piccadiih Circus/Leicester Square Hans-Bi 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Metroland 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm CURZON MINEMA (0171-359 1723) ← Knightsbridge Thelight 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

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SCREEN ON THE HILL NOTTING HILL CORONET (0171-727 6705) & Notting Hill Gate The Horse Whisperer 1.15pm Horse

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(0181-315 4229) + Camden Ton Armageddon 8.15pm, 11.30pm The Daytrippers 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6pm Godzilla 11.50am The Horse Whisperer 12.40pm, 6.15pm, 7.45pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 12.15pm, 2.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm The Spanish Prisoner 2.50pm, 5.50pm, 8.55pm The X-Files 12.45pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm 8.50pm, 8.50pm 6.05pm, 8.50pm ODEON HAYMARKET (0181-315 4212) ⊕ Piccadilly Circus The X-Files 1.15pm, 4pm,

ODEON KENSINGTON
(0181-315 4214) & High Street
Kensington Armageddon 1.45pm,
5.10pm, 8.35pm The Avengers 3pm,
5.15pm, 7.30pm, 9.50pm
Dr Dolittle 12.15pm, 2.25pm,
4.35pm. 7.20pm The Horse
Whisperer 1.25pm, 5.05pm, 8.45pm
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stock And Two Smoking Barrels VIRGIN CHELSEA Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.40pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.40pm The X-Files 1Z.45pm, 3.40pm,

OPEON LEICESTER SQUARE (0181-315 4215) ↔ Leicester Square The Horse Whisperer 12-50pm, 4.15pm, 7.50pm

ODEON MARBLE ARCH

(0181-315 4216) ⊕ Marble Arch Armageddon 1.50pm, 5.10pm, 8.30pm Dr Dollttle 12.20pm, 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm 5.05pm, 8.40pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 12.15pm, 3.25pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 11.50am The X-Files 12.15pm, 3.05pm, 6pm, 8.55pm

ODEON MEZZANINE (0181-315 4215) + Leicester Square Eve's Bayou 1.45pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm Titanic 12.05pm, 3.45pm, 7.25pm

ODEON SWISS COTTAGE (0181-315 4220) & Swiss Cottage Armageddon 2pm, 5pm, 8pm The Big Lebowski 4.10pm, 8.40pm The Castle 2pm, 6.40pm The Horse Whisperer 12.30pm, 4.05pm, 7.45pm The Little Mermaid 12.10pm, 2pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm The X-Files 12.25pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.35pm

ODEON WEST END The X-Files 12.45pm, 3.30pm. 6.15pm, 9pm

(0181-444 6789) O East Finchley he Spanish Prisoner 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm, 9pm

(0171-437 1234) & Piccadilly Circus Armageddon 1,30pm, 4,45pm, 8pm Bie's Bayou 12,45pm, 3,15pm, 5,50pm, 8,35pm Lock, ock And Two Smoking Barrels 12.30pm, 3pm, 6pm, 8.40pm Sliding Doors 1pm, 3.25pm, 6.05pm, 8.25pm

RENOTR (0171-837 8402) O Russell Square Dance Of The Wind 1pm, 2,55pm, 4,50pm, 6,45pm, 8,45pm Gadjo Dilo 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

(0171-254 6677) BR: Dalston Kingsland Eve's Bayou 6.15pm. 8.45pm The Magic Sword: Quest For

Camelot 2pm, 4.15pm (0171-737 2121/733 2229) BR/ O Brotton Eve's Bayou 4.25pm. 6.50pm, 9.10pm Life is All You Get 2pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.55pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.40pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm The X-Files 1.50pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm SCREEN ON BAKER STREET

Smoking Barrels 3,25pm, 6,25pm, 8,45pm SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) & Angel/Lighbury & Islington The Spanish Prisoner 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm

(0171-486 0036) → Baker Street

The Horse Whisperer 3.05pm,

7.45pm Lock, Stock And Two

(0171-792 3332)

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Bayswater/Queensway
Armageddon 1.20pm, 4.40pm, 8pm,
8.50pm The Avengers 1.15pm,
6.45pm Barney's Great Adventure
11.15pm Dr Dolittle 11am, 1pm,
3pm, 5pm, 7pm Eve's Bayou
4.35pm, 7.05pm, 9.40pm Godzilla
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Prisoner 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 9pm The X-Files 1.10pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm VIRGIN HAYMARKET (0870-9070712) @ Piccadilly Circus The Daytrippers 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9pm Metroland 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm. 8.30pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm,

1,40pm, 5pm, 8,30pm The Spanish

VIRGIN TROCADERO (0870-9070716) ← Piccadilly Circus Armageddon 1.50pm, 5pm, 8.20pm The Avengers 12.20pm, 2.30pm, A.40pm, 7pm Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm, 2pm, 4pm Dr Dolttte 12.30pm, 2.40pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Gang Related 9.10pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 9pm, 11.40pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12noon Mr Nice Guy 6.30pm, 9.10pm The Real Howard Spitz 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.15pm, 6.20pm, 8.30pm The X-Files 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm

MARNER VILLAGE WEST END Square Armageddon 11am, 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.40pm The Avengers 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm The Big Lebowski 2pm, 7pm City Of Angels 1.10pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.20pm Dr Dollttle 11.50am, 2.20pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 11.50am, 2.20pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm The Little Mermaid 11.30am Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 11.20am, 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 11.50am The Searchers 3.10pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm A Screetzar Named Desire 12.40pm, 5.50pm Thank 8.15pm The Weddling Singer 4.40pm, 9.40pm Zero Effect 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm

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ACTOM PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) + Park Royal Armageddon 11.20am, 2.30pm. Armageddon 11.20am, 2.30pm, 5.50pm, 9.15pm, 12midnight The Awengers 1.55pm, 10pm Barney's Great Adventure 11am Dr Dolittle 11.10am, 1.20pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm, 9.40pm, 11.40pm Eve's Bayou 2.50pm, 7.40pm, 11.30pm Gang Related 5.15pm, 10.10pm, 12.30am Godzilla 4pm, 7pm The Horse Whisperer 1.40pm, 5.05pm, 8.30pm The Little Mermald 12noon Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 11.40am, 2.05pm, 4.40pm, 7.15pm, 9.50pm, 12,20am Lost in Space 12.30pm, 3,10pm, 6pm, 8.40pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 10,50am, 12,50pm Soul Food 12,10am The X-Files 12,40pm, 1.30pm, 3.20pm, 4.10pm, 6.10pm, 6.50pm, 8.50pm, 9.30pm, 11.30pm

ODEON (0181-507 8444) + Barking Armageddon 1.40pm, 4.50pm, 7.55pm Dr Dolittle 4.50pm, 1.05pm, 3.05pm, 5.05pm, 7.05pm, 9.05pm Flubber 11.10am Godzīla 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.40pm The Horse Whisperer 1pm, 4.25pm

Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.15pm, 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.25pm Lost in Space 8.20pm Paves 11.05am Star Kid 11.05am The X-Files 12.30pm, 3.10pm,

BARNET
ODEON (0181-315 4210) © High
Barnet Armageddon 1.45pm.
4.50pm, 8pm Barney's Great
Adventure 12.05pm Dr Dolltrie
12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 6.10pm
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Two Smoking Barrels 1.10pm,
3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.40pm Lost In
Space 8.15pm The X-Files
12.20pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm

BECKENHAM ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Beckenham Junction Armageddon 8.15pm
The Horse Whisperer 2.20pm,
7.05pm The X-Files 2.20pm,
5.20pm, 8.20pm

BEXLEYHEATH

CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bexleyheath Armageddon 11.15am, 1.50pm, 2.30pm, 5pm, . **8.30cm.** 9 The Avengers 10.10am, 12.20pm, 12.15am Barney's Great Adventure 10.20am, 12.10pm Dr Dolittle 10.50am, 11.45am, 12.50pm, 10.50am, 11.45am, 12.50pm, 1.45pm, 2.50pm, 3.45pm, 4.50pm, 5.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm, 11.45pm Godzilla 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.15pm, 12midnight The Horse Whitsperer 11.30am, 2.45pm, 6pm, 9pm The Little Mermaid 11am Lock, Stock And Tens Canadians Parents 12.00pm, 12.50pm, 12.00pm, 12.50pm, 12.50pm, 12.50pm, 12.50pm, 13.50pm, 12.50pm, 13.50pm, 1 Two Smoking Barrels 2.30pm. i.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm, 12midnight Lost in Space 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm, 12.05am The Magic Sword: Quest For Tree magre Swore: Curest For Camelot 10.30am The X-Files 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.05pm, 7.05pm, 8.45pm, 9.45pm, 11.20pm, 12.20am

BROMLEY (0181-315 4211) ODEON BR: Bromley North/Bromley South Armageddon 8.10pm Dr Dollttle 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 6.10pm The Horse Whisperer 12.30pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm The Little Mermaid 12.15pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.05pm, 3.35pm, 6.15pm, 8.50pm The X-Files 2.40pm, 5.45pm, 8.35pm

CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Catford. Barney's Great Adventure 12,40pm Dr Dollttle 1pm, 3.15pm Lock, Stock And Two S Barrels 2.15pm, 6pm, 8.30pm The X-Files 5.20pm, 8.15pm

CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West/East The Horse 5.30pm, 8.45pm

SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon, The Avengers 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 8.30pm Dil Se 8.30pm Dr Dolittle 12.20pm, 2.20pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 6.30pm, 8.45pm, 11pm The Magic Sword: Quest For at 12noon, 2pm, 4pm The X-Files 4.30pm, 8pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon Armageddon 10.50am, 2pm, 5.20pm, 8.40pm, 9.15pm, 11.55pm The Avengers 7.20pm, 9.50pm Barney's Great Adventure 11.40am. 1.30pm Dr Dolittle 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.35pm, 9pm, 11.30pm Godzilia 3.20pm, 6.15pm The Horse Whisperer 1.20pm, 5pm, 8.25pm, 12midnight The Little Mermaid 11.10am, 2.10pm Lork State And Time 3.10pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 11am, 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.55pm, 9.40pm, 12.15am Lost In Space 12.10pm, 3pm, 6pm, 8.50pm, 11.45pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 1.10pm, 5.10pm Soul Food 12.30am The X-Files 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm, 12.20am

DAGENHAM WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592 2020) ◆ Dagenham Heathway Armageddon 11.30am, 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.30pm, 11.30pm, 12.15am The Avengers 2.20pm, 10pm Barney's Great Adventure 10.40am, 12.20pm Dr Dolittle 11.10am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9.10pm, 11.40pm, 12midnight Eve's Bayou 2pm. 7pm, 12,20am Gang Related 4,30pm, 9,30pm, 11,50pm Godzilla 4,20pm, 7,10pm The Horse Whisperer 11am, .2.15pm, 5.30pm, 8.45pm The Little Mermaid 10.30am, 12.30pm Lock. Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 11.45am, 2pm, 4.15pm,

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EALING VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-9070719) BR/O Ealing Broadway Armageddon 8.10pm Dr Dolittle 2pm, 4pm, 6pm The Horse Whisperer 1.10pm, 4.40pm, 8.10pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.15pm Star Kid Sat 10.10pm The X-Files 12.10pm, 3.10pm form 8.50pm

3.10pm, 6pm, 8.50pm EDEMARE BELLE-VUE (0181-381 2556)

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CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 (0555) BR: Feltham Armageddon 11.30am, 12.40pm, 2.40pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 7.10pm, 9pm, 10.10pm, 12.10am The Avengers 1.55pm, 3.55pm, 5.55pm, 7.55pm Barney's Great Adventure 11.30am DH Se 12noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm, 12midnight Dr Dolittle 11am. 12mionight Dr Dollttle 11am.
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FINCHLEY WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 9344) East Finchley/Finchley Central Armageddon 11,10am. 2.10pm, 5.15pm, 8.25pm, 9.10pm. 11.40pm The Avengers 7.30pm, 10pm, 12.20am Barney's Great venture 11.15am Dr 12.20pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.20pm, 11.30pm Godzilla 12noon, 3.10pm, 6.10pm The Horse Whisperer 1.30pm, 5.05pm, 8.40pm The Little Mermaid 11.15am, 3.20pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 11.30am, 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm, 12.10am Lost in Space 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.40pm, 9.50pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 1.15pm, 5.25pm The X-Files 12.10pm, 3pm, 6pm,

9.40pm, 11.10pm, 12.10am

ABC (0181-455 1724) & Golders Green The Horse Whisperer 12.55pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm

CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich Armageddo

2.55pm, 6pm, 9.05pm The Horse Whisperer 2.05pm, 5.25pm, 8.45pm The Little Mermaid 12.15pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12noon The X-Files 1.30pm, 4pm,

HAMPSTEAD Park Armageddon 7.50pm Dr Dollttle 1.30pm, 3.45pm, 5.40pm The Horse Whisperer 12.30pm, 4pm, 7.35pm The X-Files 2.15pm,

SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) → Harrow-on-the-HIII/Harrow & Wealdstone Dil Se 1.30pm, 5pm, 8.45pm Major Saab 8.45pm

HARROW WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 9009)

Harrow on the Hill Armageddon 11.40am, 2.50pm, 6pm, 8.40pm, 9.10pm, 11.40pm The Avengers 7.40pm, 9.50pm, 11.45pm Barney's Great Adventure 10.40am Dr Dolittle 10am, 12.20pm, 2.20pm, 4.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm, 11pm Godzilla 10.30am, 1.15pm, 3pm, 5.50pm The Horse Whisperer 10.10am, 1.40pm, 5.20pm, 8.50pm The 140 Horse Wrisperer 10.10am, 1.40pm, 5.20pm, 8.50pm The Lietle Mermaid 11.20am, 3.10pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 11.30am, 1.50pm, 4pm, 7.20pm, 9.30pm, 12.20am Lost In Space 10.30am (Sat), 12.50pm, 3.50pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm, 12mid-3,30pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm, 12mid-night The Magic Sword: Ouest For Camelot 1.10pm, 5.10pm The X-Files 10.20am, 10.50am, 1pm, 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.20pm, 6.50pm, 9pm, 11.50pm, 12.10am 9.40pm.

HOLLOWAY ODEON (0181-315 4213) e Holloway Road/Archway Armageddon 1.30pm, 4.35pm, 7.40pm The Avengers 9.15pm Barney's Great Adventure 11.45am Dr Dolittle 12noon, 12.45pm, 2.15pm, 3pm, 4.20pm, 5.05pm, 6.25pm, 7.10pm Eve's Bayou 6.20pm, 8.50pm Godzilla 10pm The Horse Whisperer 3.10pm The Horse Whisperer 1.05pm. 4.30pm, 7.55pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.40pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm, 8.55pm Lost in Space 8.30pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.35pm The Real Howard Spitz 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm The X-Files 12.40pm, 3.20pm,

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KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston Armageddon 7,45pm Dr Dollttle 1,45pm, 3,45pm, 5,45pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.35pm The X-Files 2pm. 5.30pm, 8.15pm

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (0181-315 4217) & Highgate Armageddon 8.05pm Dr Dolittle 1.15pm, 2.55pm, 4.35pm, Doittle 1.13pm, 2.33pm, 4.33pm, 6.15pm The Horse Whisperer 12.50pm, 4.10pm, 7.40pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.20pm The X-Files 2.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm

PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rve Armageddor 2.55pm, 6pm, 9.05pm Ba Great Adventure 12.35om Dr Dolit tle 12.15pm, 2pm, 3.55pm, 5.45pm, 7.35pm Eve's Bayou 7.10pm, 9.30pm, 11.50pm Gang Related 9.25pm, 17.50pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 9.2.2pm, 11.3.2pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 4.40pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 2.20pm The Horse Whis-perer 2.05pm, 5.25pm, 8.45pm The Little Mermald 12.25pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 4.35pm, 7pm, 9.25pm, 11.55pm The Magic Swood: Curet For Correlate Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.10pm Paulie 12.30pm Soul Food 12mldnight The X-Files 1.25pm. 4pm, 6.35pm, 9.10pm, 11.45pm

PURLEY ABC (0870-9020407) BR: Purley Armaveddon 7 40nm Dr Dollttle ,25pm, 3.25pm, 5.25pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm The X-Files 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm

ABC (0870 9020401) & Putney Bridge, BR: Putney, Armageddon 8pm Dr Dollttle 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm The Horse Whisperer 12.45pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm The

ODEON (0181-315 4218) BR/ O Richmond The Horse Whisper-1pm, 4.30pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.30pm The X-Files 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm

ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) BR/O Richmond Armageddon 1.40pm, 5.20pm, 6.30pm The Avengers 2.50pm, 5pm, 7.05pm, 9.30pm Barney's Great Adventure 1pm Dr Dolittle 2pm. 4.10pm, 7pm The Little Mermald 1pm Lost in Space 8.50pm The Spanish Prisoner 3pm, 6.20pm, 9pm

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ROMFORD ODEON LIBERTY 2 (01708 729040) BR: Romford Armageddon 1,15pm, 4,45pm, 7,30pm, 8,05pm Barney's Great Adventure 12.10pm Dr Dolittle 12.20pm, 2.30pm. 40pm, 6.40pm, 8.45pm Gr 4,40pm, 6.40pm, 8.45pm George Of The Jungle 10.30am Godzilla 1,40pm, 4.30pm The Horse Whisperer 12.45pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm The Little Mermaid 12noon Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Lost In Space 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Carnelot 12.30pm Mousellunt 10.30am Paws 10.30am Star Kid 10.30am The X-Files 12noon, 2pm. 3pm, 5.15pm, 5.45pm, 8pm. 8.35pm

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WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eitham Dr Dolittle 1.40pm. 3.40pm, 6pm. 8.45pm Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels 1.30pm. 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm

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WOODFORD ABC (0181-989 3463) & South Woodford Armageddon 4.50pm, 7.50pm Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm Dr Dolittle 1pm, 3pm The Horse Whisperer 12.40pm, 4.10pm, 7.40pm The X-Files 2.10pm, 5.40pm, 8.15pm

WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal Barney's Great Adventure 1.30pm The Horse Whisperer 1.10pm, 4.25pm, 7.40pm The X-Files 3.15pm, 5.45pm. 8.25pm

CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-633 0274/cc 928 3232) Silding Doors (15) 2.30pm, 8.30pm David Golder: Julien Duvivier (NC) 5.20pm Granada Theatres Museum Special Event (NC)
7.30pm William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet (12) 8.40pm

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero, Piccadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 415) Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U) 10.45am. 12.50pm. 2.55pm. 5.10pm, 7.15pm, 9.20pm L5 -City in Space (U) 11.55am, 2pm, 6.20pm, 8.25pm, 10.30pm Ev (U) 4.05pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) Deep Impai (12) 6.15pm Wag The Dog (15) 9.15pm The Gingerbread Man (15) 1pm Mad City (15) 3.30pm Gattaca (15) 9pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 1111/cc 420 0100) er Bride (PG) 6.45pm The Outcasts 8.40pm

BRIGHTON **CINEMATHEQUE** (01273-739970) Gummo (18) 8pm DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-626261) Alten (18) 1.45pm + Allens 4pm Firelight (15) 9pm Life is All You Get (18) 6.30pm

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Hana-Bi (18) 8.20pm Metrolan (18) 6.05pm Psycho (15) 8.30pr The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 6pm

ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) The Horse Whisperer (PG) 5.15pm 8.30pm Regeneration (15) 2.30pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222 399666) Fists in The Pocket (NC) 30pm The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 2.30pm, 8pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) The Girl With Brains In Her Feet (15) 5.45pm

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for to-day; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. 6— Seats at all prices 6—Seats at some prices 1—Reburns only Matinees —[1]: Sun, [3]: The, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thu, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

PART Stacy Keach, David Dukes, George Wendt ir: Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. Wyndtham's Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) O Leic Sq. Tue-Sat Spm. [4] 3pm. [7] & Sun 5pm. £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins.

) AS YOU LIKE IT Literary comedy from Shakespeare con-trasting the court and the natural world. The Globe New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919) & London Bridge, in rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 8 Sept. £5-£20, concs available.

● BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lav-● BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) ◆ Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Wed. Fri & Sat 7.30pm. [4]. [5][7] 2.30pm. £18.50-£35. 150 mins. BLOOD BROTHERS Willy

Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) 9 Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm. [7] 4pm. £10.50-£29.50. 165 mins. BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) O Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats Sun 4pm, £6.75-£30. 160 mins.

b CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 0171-404 4079) & Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£35. 165 mins.

O CHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars in this hit Broadway musical about two murderous women and their nightclub act Adelphi Maiden Lane. WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking fee).

) CLOSER Superb study of contemporary sexual relationships from Deuler's Choice author Patrick Marber: Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) → Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50. 140 mins.

• THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) Reduced Sh Company fast-forward through 37 plays. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Ploc Circ. Wed-Sat 8pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 5pm, Sun 4pm, £9,50-£20, 120 mins.

● DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets. Labatt's Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) O Hammersmith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm. [4], [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

DGREASE Marissa Dunlop stars in the stage version of the hit film. Cam-bridge Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ← Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins. ● HAMLET The Ninagawa Company's production of this class

edy, Barbican Barbican Centre.

ECŽ (0171-638 8891) ↔ Barbl-

can/Moorgate. 2-3 Sept, 7.15pm, AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SWI (0171-930 8800) & Picc Circ.

Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £7,50-£29.50. 165 mins. O DIVAS AT THE DONMAR -IMELDA STAUNTON AND HER BIG BAND Acclaimed actress backed by a ten-piece band. Donmar Warehouse Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ← Covent Ga 2 & 4 Sept. 8.15pm, 3 & 5 Sept. 6pm

● AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) & Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, booking to 3 Oct, £10.50-£25.

JUICY BITS Sexy look at the lives of a selection of twentysomethings. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [7] 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept, £5-£14.

• THE LADY BOYS OF BANGKOK Cabaret performance, featuring stunning female imper-sonators. Queen's Shaftesbury Avnue. W1 (0171-494 5590/cc 344 4444) O Picc Circ. Mon-Tue & Thu 8pm, Wed, Fri & Sat 6pm & 8.45c ends 26 Sept. £10.50-£30. 110

♠ A LETTER OF RESIGNATION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) & Charing X/Embankment, Mon-Sat 7,45p 3pm, [7] 4pm, £12.50-£25.

● LOOT Acclaimed revival of Joe Orton's comedy. Vaudeville Strand. WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/ O Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm. [7] 4pm, £8-£25. 110 mins.

● MAJOR BARBARA Jet Redgrave and Peter Bowies star in George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy. Piccadilly Denman Street. W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Grc. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 2.30pm. [7] 3pm, £8.50-£27.50. 180 mirs.

● THE MERCHANT OF VENICE Shakespeare's cross cultural comedy The Globe New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919) O London Bridge. In rep, today 2pm ends 19 Sept, £5-£20, concs available. 180 mins.) LES MISERABLES Musical

pasterpiece. Palace Shaftesbuvenue, W1 (0171-434 090 ⊕ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £7-£35. 195 mins. ● MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) O Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£35. 165 mins.

dramatisation of Victor Hugo's

I THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnit, still going strong St Martin's West Street, WCZ (0171-836 1443) ⊕ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm, £9-£23. 135 mins.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothle musical. Her Majesty's Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£35.

● POPCORN Lawrence Boswell directs Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5070) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, ends 12 Sep. £6.50-£23.50.

O THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY Double bill of drama from Torn Stop-pard and Peter Schaffer directed by Gregory Doran, Comedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) ♣ Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sai 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm. £7.50-£27.50

P RENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) & Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins.

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE Carrier Oklahoma! Classic musical from Rodgers and Hammer-stein, featuring the song Oh Whot A Beautiful Mornin! Mon-Sat 7, 15pm, mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends Oct 3. 190 mins. Oklahoma!: £12-£32.50. Day sears from 10am, South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000)

) SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs and three new tracks by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm. £10-£32.50.

I SHOW BOAT Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) ⊕ Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE - THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock'n'roll hit-makers elebrated in a musical revue that cludes Jailhouse Rock. Prince of Wales Coventry Screet, W1 (0171-839 5972) & Leic Sq/Picc Circ, Mon-Thu 8om, Fri 5,45om & 8,30om, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fn mats £10-£25, 135 mins.

● STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musical. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road. SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/& Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm. £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

) THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Belinda Lang stars in Alan Ayekbourn's comedy. Duchess Catherine Street, WCZ (0171-494 5075/cc 0171-344 4444) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £15-£27.50. 140 mins.

• TROILUS AND CRESSIDA Shakespeare's classic tale of love and chivalry set during the Seige Of Troy. Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431/cc 0171-486 1933) O Baker Street Tonight 8pm, ends 3 Sept. E8-£20. O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND

Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) & Halborn. i-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 120 mins.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story. 836 2238/cc 0171-344 4444) ◆ Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sa 8pm, [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50, 110 mins.

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ALMEIDA THEATRE The Play About The Baby Edward Albee's new play which explores the relationships between four people. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 3pm, nds 10 Oct. £9.50-£19.50, concs available. Almeida Street, N1 & Islington.

NEW END THEATRE Personals New York hit comedy review from the creators of Friends Tue-Sat 7 30cm mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 11 Oct. £10-£12, concs £7. New End, Street, NW3 (0171-794 0022) O Hampstead.

ROUNDHOUSE Oh What A Lovely War Joan Littlewood's outstanding musical look at the First World War presented by the National Theatre. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat & Sun 3pm. ends 4 Oct. £9.50-£21.50. Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (0171-420 0000)

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

THEATRE ROYAL Our Country's Good Study of the civilising power of language, written by Timberlake Wertenbaker and performed by Out Of Joint. 2-5 Sept, 8pm, 4-5 Sept, 2,30pm. £8-£20.50. St Johns Place

USTINOV STUDIO AT THE THEATRE ROYAL Desdemona - A Play About A Handkerchief Sor Malker stars in Paula Vogel's study of this tragic character 2-5 Sept. 8pm, mat 2 Sept. 3pm. £11, concs £9. Sawclose (01225-448844)

THEATRE ROYAL And Then There Were None Agatha Christie's inister whochmail stars Ruth Madoc. 2-5 Sept., 7.45pm. £7.50-£14.50. concs available. Bond Street (01273-328488)

CHICHESTER PESTIVAL THEATRE Chimes At Midnight Simon Callow stars as Falstaff in Orson Welles's adaptation of the Henry IV/Henry V plays. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 9 Sept. £6.50-£25. Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

MINERVA STUDIO THEATRE Song Of Singapore Issy Van Randwyck stars in this musical comedy set in 1940s Singapore, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.45pm, ends 12 Sept. £10-£17.50. Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call AFTER THE success of "The Ballad of Tom Jones" and "Avenging Angel", it's been a summer of hard work for Manchester rock hand Space (right). From Glastonbury to Madstock, their imaginative Brit-pop has gained popularity through feisty live shows.

Hereford Leisure Centre (01432 278178) 20 Nov; Manchester Academy (0161-832 1111) 21 Nov: Nottingham Rock City (0115-912 9000) 23 Nov; Exeter University Great Hall (0990-321 321) 24 Nov: Birmingham Que Chib (0115-912 9000) 26 Nov; Brixton Academy. London (0171-771 2000) 27 Nov: York Barbican (01904 656638) 28 Nov; Liverpool Royal Court (0151-709 4321) 18-19 Dec

Last Call THE PLAY Full Gallop follows a powerful fashion empress after she has been fired from Vogue magazine, American actress Mary Louise Wilson won an Obie award for her performance as fashion victim Diana Vrceland, who flees to London and tries to keep up appearances she can no longer afford. The real test comes when friends arrive

Hampstead Theatre, Avenue Road, London NW3 (0171-722 9301) to 26 Sept. £9-16



MERCURY THEATRE Up On The Roof Musical cornedy about a group of former students who meet every **EXHIBITIONS**

five years to catch up on each others lives. Mon-V/ed 7.30pm. Thu-Sar 8pm. mats Thu 3pm. Sat 4pm. ends 5 Sept. £6.50-£15.50. concs avail-Including work by Augustus John and Samuel Palmer. Mon-Fri 10amable. Balkerne Gate (01206-573948) 5.30pm, ends 24 Sept, free. The University Of Wales (01970-622460) COVENTRY BELGRADE THEATRE Limeston

Cowboy Musical in the BRIGHTON country's western vein. Mon-Thu 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, ends 19 Sept. £9-£15, concs £7. Corporation Street (01203-553055)

DARTFORD ORCHARD THEATRE Live Bed Show Toyah Wilcox stars in Arthur Smith's new comedy. 2-3 Sept. 7.45pm, 4 Sect. 6pm & 9pm £12.50-£14.50. concs available Home Gardens (0:322-220000)

COLCHESTER

EASTBOURNE DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE Murder is Easy Agatha Christie's whodumnit. 2 Sept. 2.30pm & 8.15pm. E5-E9.50. Compton Street (01323-412000)

NORTHCOTT THEATRE Dead Funny Terry Johnson's adult comedy about a club dedicated to late comedians such as Tommy Cooper comedians such as Tommy Cooper and Eric Morecambe. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm. £7-£15, concs available. Stocker Road (01392-493493)

GUILDFORD YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE Good Grief Penelope Keith is directed by Ned Sherrin in the stage adaptation of Keith Waterhouse's novel studying the grieving process. Mon-Thu 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept. £10-£21.50, concs available. Millbrook (01483-440000)

THE LANDMARK Barrium Peter Duncan stars in this circus show Mon-Sat 8.15pm, mats Thu 2.15pm ends 6 Sept. £10-£14.75. The enade, Wilder Road (01271-

LEICESTER

Kander And Ebb's sassy musical Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £8-£18, e. Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797) MALVERN FESTIVAL THEATRE arms And Excursions Michael Frayn's comedy about a dinner

HAYMARKET THEATRE The Rink

party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Felicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. 2-5 Sept. 8pm, mat 2 Sept. 2.30pm. f12-f18, concs available. Grange Road (01684-892277) NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE The

Government inspector Gogol's tale of corruption and greed. Mon-Sa 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm ends 3 Oct. £6-£15, concs available Bagnor (01635-46044) NORTHAMPTON

ROYAL THEATRE Cider With Roste Laurie Lee's classic tale of love in a rural idyll. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats 3 Sept, 2.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £9-£26. Guildhall Road (01604-632 533)

MADDERMARKET THEATRE The Play's The Thing PG Wodehouse's comedy. 2-5 Sept, 7.30pm. £4-£6.50. St Johns Alley (01603-620917)

THEATRE ROYAL Joseph And The Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Bible story, 2-5 Sept. 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £3-£18.50. Theatre Street (01603-630000)

THEATRE ROYAL Oliver Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular musical about life in Dickensian London. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept. £12.50-£30, concs available. Royal Parade South concs available. Ro (01752-267222)

RICHMOND RICHMOND THEATRE Kat And The Kings Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. 2-4 Sept. 7.45pm, 5 Sept. 6pm & 8.45pm, £10-£23. The Green (0181-940 0Q88)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

THE OTHER PLACE Bad Weather Robert Holman's examination of the breakdown in family relationships. Last perf, 2 Sept. 7.30pm. £12-£19. Southern Lane (01789-295623) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

Measure For Measure In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 3 Sept. E5-E37. Waterside (01789-295623) SWAN THEATRE Talk Of The City Stephen Poliakoff's drama explores media control in the early days of TV and radio. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, and radio. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 3 Sept. E5-E31. Waterside (01789-295623)

WYVERN THEATRE Suspicion WYVERN THEATRE SUSPICIONS New thriller of disappearance and adultery, 2-5 Sept. 7.30pm, mat 2 Sept. 2.30pm. E8.50-E9.50, concs available. Theatre Square (01793-524481)

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ABERYSTWYTH
BUARTH MAWR All In A Day's
Work: Images Of Working Life
From The School Of Art Collection LONDON Clapham Junction

BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Disasters Of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war etchings. Mon, Tue. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2pm-5pm. ends 4 Oct, free. Church Street (01273-290900)

BRISTOL ARNOLFINI Udomsak Krisanamis And Peter Doig Work by the two widely exhibited artists. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 18 Oct. free Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

CAMBRIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM Pierre-Joseph Redoute 1758-1840 Featuring 36 pieces by the flower painter. Ends 13 Sept. free. William Blake: The Book Of Job Pages from Blake's book with other examples of his illustration. Ends 25 Oct.

Four American Painters: Frankenthaler, Noland, Olitski, Poons Important figures in America's avant-garde, Tue-Sat 10am-Spm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 8 Nov. free. Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES Victorian Visions: From Rosetti To Whistler Victorian drawings and watercolours. Ends 27 Sept. E4.25. concs £2.50. family £9.75. Princes As Patrons Over 250 works from the Royal Collection. Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends Nov 8. £4.25. child & concs £2.50 (to museum) Cathays Park (01222-397951)

LONDON HAYWARD GALLERY Bruce Nauman Retrospective of neon-work film and sound pieces by the contemporary American artist. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Tue & Wed to 8pm), ends 6 Sept. £5, concs £3.50. Belvedere Road, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

NATIONAL GALLERY Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the tian artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 3pm). Sun 12noon-6pm. Cross. Leicester Square. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

Critical Mass: Antony Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies Mon-Sun all day, ends 30 Sept, free. Chagali: Love And The Stage Featuring colourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 4 Oct. E6, concs £5. NUS £4, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Burlington House. Piccadilly. W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413 1717) & Green Park/ Piccadilly Circus.

TATE GALLERY Patrick Heron Retrospective of the British artist. Ends 6 Sept. £5, concs £3.25. Warhol And Beuys: Loans From The Froelich Collection Work by leading 20th-century artists. Ends 20 Sept, free. Art Now 15: Flona Banner New

paintings and a drawings inspired by popular culture. Opens 3 Sept. ends 1 Nov. free. oonlight And Firelight: Watercolours From The Turner Bequest Work exploring Turner's interest in moonlight and firelight. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 11 Nov, free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) O Pimlico.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Drawings: Claude Lorrain 1600-1682 Over 100 drawings covering every aspect of the artist's work. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, ends 13 Sept, free. Beaumont Street (01865-278000)

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART A Conversation Piece: John Murphy
- Juliao Sarmento Collaboration of paintings, objects and installation, Tue-Sun 1 Iam-6pm (Thu to 9pm), ends 4 Oct. £2.50 (free Wed morn & Thu eve;, concs £1.50, child free, Pembroke Street (01865-722733)

SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY From Reynolds To Nicholson Major British art. Renaissance To Impressionism European masterpieces. Up To 2000 Today's leading artists Tue-Sat 10am-5pm (Thu to 7pm), Sun 1pm-4pm, ends 18 Oct, free. Sun 1pm-4pm, er (01703-832151)

ST IVES TATE GALLERY Colour In Space: Patrick Heron Sho documenting Britain's leading artis public artwork. Ends 18 Oct. public artwork. Ends 18 Oct. After Adraga: John Beard Studies of a Portuguese cliff face. Ends 1 Nov. Displays 1997-8 Show focusing on the De Stijl group and the contemporaries of Roger Hilton. Ends 1 Nov. The Fragile Cell: John Wells Paintings by a lesser-known St Ives artist. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 1 Nov. £3.50, concs £2. Porthreor Beach (01736-796226) Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

CLASSICAL

BAC Pierrot Lunaire The Clod Ensemble stages Schoenberg's semi nal music theatre piece. lonight 8.15pm. £9. concs £6. Lavender Hill. SW11 (0171-223 2223) BR:

ROYAL ALBERT HALL BBC Symphony Orchestra/Honeck Becthoven's 4th Piano Concerto with Prokofiev's 5th Symphony. Tonight 7 pm. £3-£20 Matrix Ensemble Music by Eister including settings of Brecht. Tonigh. 10pm. £3-£9. Kensington Gore. 5W7 (0171-589 8212) ↔ High Street Kensington.

OPERA

LONDON BAC The Flying Fox Tete a Tete Productions with a new pocket-sized version of Strauss' Fledermans. Toright 7.30pm. E12. concs £6. Impropera Operatie improvisation on the spot from Opera Circus. Tonight 9.30pm. 56, concs £4. Lavender Hill. SW11 (0171-223 2223) BR: Clapham Junction.

PURCELL ROOM Dido and Aeneas Staged performance of Purcell from the Oxford Baroque Players, Tonight 7 30pm E7 & E9. South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/ Waterloo.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL The Mikado Gilbert and Sullivan's classic in a lavish new production from D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. Today 2.30pm & 7.30pm. £9.50-£27.50. South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/@ Waterloo.

DANCE GILLINGHAM THE SPACE, WOODLANDS CENTRE Kent Dance Festival County-wide educational dance festival for all ages. Ends 6 Sept, phone

for details. Medway Summer Dance School Dance events and instrutuion in association with Medway Council, Loop Dance Company and Tobias Tak Ends 6 Sept, phone for details. Woodlands Road (01634-831531)

LONDON SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEACOCK THEATRE City Ballet Of London: Triple Bill Rarely performed neo-classical works by Balanchine and Herczog, and a new work by Mark Baldwin, Tonight

WC1 (0171-387 0031) Euston. LITERATURE

BARNSTAPLE LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT Local writers join professionals in this showcase of work produced during the Orchard Theatre Company's 10-day writing workshop. Queen's Theatre Boutport Street (01271-324242) Today 1,10pm-

1.50pm, £2, **COMEDY**

HIGH WYCOMBE JASPER CARROTT AT WYCOMBE SWAN Popular Brummie entertains the troops. Tonight 7.30pm, £15.50 & £17.50. St. Mary's Street (01494-

LONDON

CAMDEN LOCK COMEDY REVUE AT THE LOCK TAVERN Robin Ince. Peter Wiley, Nick Doody, Adrian Rox and Chris Hansford, Tonight 9.15pm. £3.50, mems £2. Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (0171-387 9304) → Camden THE COMEDY STORE The Cornerly

Store Players with Neil Mullarkey, Andy Smart, Richard Vranch, Jim

Sweeney, Lee Simpson and Michael Fenton Stevens, Tonight 8pm, £11, Ox-endon Street, SW1 (01426-914433/cc 0171-344 4444) Piccadilly Circus. ORANJE BOOM BOOM COMEDY CLUB AT DE HEMS Paul Rogan. Dominic Frisby as the Upper Class Rapper, Prudence, Maria Daniel Kitson and Pamela Phillips.

Tonight 8.45pm. £5, concs £4, Mac-

clesfield St. W1 (0171-275 0118)

CLUBS

LONDON ORGANISED SOUND AT THE NOTTING HILL ARTS CLUB Vadim (Ninja Tune), Shain Dellemann and Rob Da Bank (Sunday Best) play izzy hreakhed 2 Comb jazzy breakbeat, 2 Sept. 8pm-1am. • Notting Hill Gate, E5. Notting Hill Gate, W11 (0171-460 4459)

BAR RUMBA FIFTH BIRTHDAY PARTY AT BAR RUMBA Featuring Gilles Peterson, Bobbi And Steve, Kenny Hawkes, Luke Solomon and Deep Dish. 2 Sept., 10pm-4am. Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-287 2715) & Piccadilly Circus, E5.

EVENTS

BRIGHTON FORENSIC - BAGS OF EVIDENCE The Scratch crew offer an entertaining and imposative approach to visual art and modern culture Hove Museum & Art Gallery New Church Road (01273-290200) Ends 4 Oct, phone for details

LONDON PADDINGTON BEAR EXHIBITION Walk through scenes including Aunt Lucy in Peru and Faddington at a tea party and see Michael Bond's first manuscript and the original puppet used for the 1970s animated series. London Toy And Model Museum Craven Hill W2 (0171-706 8000, 402 5222) © Paddington Lancaster Cate Mon-Sun 9am-5 30nm (last adm. 4.30pm), ends 6 Sept. E5.50, child

family £15 OXFORD LOOKING FOR ALICE: LEWIS CARROLL CENTENARY EXHIBI-TION Interactive family exhibition including memorabilia, personal effects of the real Alice, first editions and original illustrations. Museum Of Oxford St Aldutes (01865-815559) Tue-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10pm-5pm, Sun 12pm-4pm, £1 50, child 50p, concs. family £3 50.

£3 50, concs £4.50, under 45 free.

MUSIC

BRISTOL PAUL LAMB & THE KINGSNAKES West Coast swing and Chicago blues The Fleece St. Thomas Street (0117-927 7150 cc 929 9008) Tonight Spm. £6.

LONDON SKINNY BASS, THE MAGNETS Indie funk-pop band top the bill. Acoustic Cafe Manette Street W1 (0171-439 0831) + Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 8.30pm. phone SUPER JUNKY MONKEY, DENKI

talent Astoria Charing Cross Road WC2 (0171-434 0403) & Tottenham Court Road, Tonight 7pm, £8-£10. MOJAVE 3, COLEY PARK Former tinged project. The Borderline Manette Street W1 (0171-734

GROOVE, GOTA & KENJI JAMMER, DJ KRUSH Alternative Japanese

2095) & Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 8pm, £5 SPEARMINT Alt-popsters tout their A Trip Into Space cp. Water Rats Theatre Gray's Inn Road WC1 (0161-885 6488) & King's Cross.

Tonight 8.30pm, £4. MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

BUDE BUDE JAZZ FESTIVAL Trad jazz explosion with more than 200 live events all over town. Bude Jazz Festival, Festival Office The Castle (01288-356360) Ends 5 Sep, phone for times, Day Stroller ET1, Week Stroller E49.50.

LONDON GEORGIE FAME R&B organ jazzman, with Blue Flames Guv Barker and Alan Skidmore. Ro Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) & Lekester Square. 9.30pm. ends 12 Sep. £12, mems £4, NUS £8 (Mon-Thu); £15, mems £8

HOLLY PENFIELD Jazz, blues and

soul vocal revue. China Blues

Parkway NW1 (0171-482 4104) Camden Town, Tonight 8.45pm. free for diners IAN BALLAMY'S ACME Idiosyncratic British saxist and composer features the Mondesir brothers and John Particelli. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 87221 O Tottenham Court Road

Tonight 9pm, ends 3 Sep. £12 50. MORNINGTON LOCKETT Engaging tenor saxist plays in duo format. Pizza Express, West Hampstead West End Lane NW6 (0171-431 8229) West Hampstead. Tonight 8pm, free for diners.

DANNY MOSS Veteran jazz and cabaret saxophonist. Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235) & 11 15pm, ends 5 Sep. £18, adv £16. PEGGY TAYLOR WEBB Swinging vocal and piano standards. Porting Shed Plano Bar Dorset Square NW1 (0171-723 7874) ← Baker

Street Marylebone, 6, 30pm, ends 4 Sep, free. CLARE HIRST QUARTET Sax led at fresco jazz and funk. St Christopher's Place Barrett Street Piazza W1 (01/1-493 3294)

 Bond Street Tonight 8pm, Iree. KAT DALLAS & BAND Swing-cra party night. Villa Stefano High Holborn WC1 (0181-343 /808) O Holborn, Tonight 8pm, 15.

RUISLIP RONNIE VERRELL QUINTET Drums-led mainstream outfit leaturing veteran singer Tony Jacobs Golf Centre lckenham Road (01895-638081) Tonight 8 30pm, E7

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WEDNESDAY RADIO

975-998MHz FM 6.30 Kevin Greening and Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 to Whiley. 3.00 Dave Pearce. 6.30 Steve Lamaco - the Evening Session. 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Kermode. 8.40 John Peel. 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 12.00 The Breezelock. 2.00 Charlie Jordan.

(88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Alex Lester. 7.30 Sarah Kennedy. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00 Nick Barraclough. 8.00 Mike Harding. 9.00 Gloria Estefan's Sounds of Miami. 10.00 Top of the Pops 2 on 2. 10.30 Richard Alinson, 12.05 Steve Madden.

4.00 - 6.30 Chris Moyles,

3.00 - 4.00 Annie Othen. **Radio 3** 190.2-92.4MHz FM) 6.00 On Air. 9.00 Masterworks 10.30 Artist of the Week. 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Proms Composers of the Week: Eisler and WeilL 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime

Concert. 2.00 BBC Proms 98. (R) 4.00 Choral Festival. 5.00 In Tune. 7.00 BBC Proms 98. 7.55 Alfred Brendel. Throughout his career in music, Alfred Brendel has pursued another artistic passion - Iterature. Hermione Lee visits Brendel and his bookshelves to discuss his varied reading and also his writing. Between concerts and on long flights, Brendel has found time to write a collection of witty verses, to be published in English in the autumn. It includes poems on the smelly ghost of Brahms, the concert-going coughers of Cologne, and the

8.15 Concert, part 2. Prokofiev: Symphony No 5. 9.20 Postscript. Five conversations in which Michael Billington talks to actors and singers about their experiences of playing the same character in theatrical and operatic productions. 3: Gwyneth Jones

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6.00 They Won't Believe Me* (1947)

(21173111), 7.35 Freeze Frame (1989) (2070314), 9.00 The Fallen Sparrow

(1943) (16753). 11.00 Split Infinity (1992)

(1997) (27869), 3.00 Freeza Frame (1989)

(1947) (65956). 2.00 The Right Connec-

tions (1997) (32289), 9,00 Perfectly Nor-

8.00 The Long Walk Home (1990) (88753).

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view (5753), 8.00 How to Make an Ameri-

can Quit (1995) (34598). 10.00 Sweeney

Todd (1997). See Pick of the Day (240043).

11.35 Candymen: Farewell to the Flesh (1995) (272937). 1.10 Mother Knows Best

(1997) (6190222), 2.40 - 6.00 Pontiac

4.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988)

(9211111). 6.00 The Duchess and the Dirt-

(1989) (2097531). 10.00 The Magus (1968)

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water Fox (1976) (2025314). 8.00 Glory

ng (1986) (9378319), 2.00 The Bachelor

Party" (1957) (2526593), 3.40 Back Street* (1941) (95296425), 5.40 Close.

8.00 The A-Team (7303956). 9.00 Real

(8373111). **11.00 Film:** Hard Edge

(7226999). 1.30 Red Shoe Diaries

6.00 Freeky Stories (8075113).

(4357666). **1.00** Beverly Hills Bordello

Stories of the Highway Patrol (3219821). 9.30 Cops (4772685). 10.00 The Base-

ment (8364463), 10.30 Red Shoe Diaries

(4304574). **2.00** The Basement (7376390).

2.30 Cops (7395425), 3.00 Films: Deep

Cover (1992) (7125512). 5.00 Real Stories

4.00 Fishing Adventures (2161192). 4.30

6.00 Wildlife SOS (2188869), 6.30 To the

Extreme (5995821). 7.30 Arthur C Clarke

(2168005). 8.00 Survivors! (7376802).

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mel (1990) (35227). 11.00 Die Hard 2 (1990) (44711208). 1.05 The Star Chamber (1983) (766319). 2.55 Joanna (1968)

(27005). 1.00 The Right Cennections

camel who wainted a job in 'Aida'.

PICK OF THE DAY

IF YOU are feeling a bit low off by attending to their houses, Clare (right) in the welcome R4). Holidays are certainly Llewelyn-Bowen in poor taste, valuable in giving the mind and body a rest, but are the post- her Cardiff terrace into a desert holiday blues ultimately more island, complete with sand, damaging? Some people make shipwreck and treasure chest. themselves useful during time

and Zoe Wanamaker talk about

9.45 Strauss: Serenade for 13

Winds/Michael Collins (clarinet).

10.00 BBC Proms 98. Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Maria Friedman (singer), BBC Singers, Matrix Ensemble/Robert

Ziegler. Eisler: Little Symphony;

Nann's Song. Weill: Pirate Jenny. Eisler: To a Portable Radio; Song

of the Nazi Soldier's Wife. Eisler:

Bilder aus der Kriegsfibel; Medam's Song, Weill: Barbara Song, Eisler: To Those Born Later

land': Ballad of the Jewish Whore

Marie Sanders. Waxman: Alone

1 and 2. Weili: Cannon Song.

Eisler: Suite No 2 'Niemands-

in a Big City. MacKeben: The

11.30 Jazz Notes.

Week: Sibelius. (R)

(92.4-94.6MHz FM)

9.45 Ali Points North.

1.00 The World at One.

1.30 X Marks the Spot.

3.00 NEWS; Gardeners'

2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

6.00 Today.

9.00 Midweek

11.30 Punchlines.

12.57 Weather.

Goes On

Night is Not Only for Sleeping.

12.00 Proms Composer of the

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

2.15 Afternoon Play: The Beat

11.00 NEWS; Crimescapes. (R)

Wind Instruments, London

Electra. (R)

after your well-earned break in discovers Frank Wilson in the sun, you're not alone, says Original Features (3.30pm R4). psychiatrist Professor Anthony He meets a DIY junkie from Cardiff who has surpassed return of All in the Mind (4pm. Changing Rooms' Laurence having fashioned the front of **FIONA STURGES**

Question Time.

Pick of the Day.

3.45 On the Fringe.

of the Day.

5.00 PM.

5.57 Weather.

Wildebeest Years.

with Libby Purves and guests. 3.30 Original Features. See Pick 10.00 The World Tonight. With Isabel Hilton.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: First 4.00 NEWS; All in the Mind. See Love. Ivan Turgenev's classic story of adolescent awakening, 4.30 Thinking Allowed. translated by Isaiah Berlin, read

by Nigel Anthony, abridged by Doreen Estall (3/5). 11.00 Hearing with Hegley. Poet 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 Dan and Nick: the John Hegley entertains, wielding a microphone and a book of 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. verse. With Nigel Piper and the 7.15 Front Row. Mark Lawson Popticians. delivers the verdict on 'He Got 11.15 The Goldfish Bowl. 11.30 The Nualas. Game', the latest film from Spike Lee, starring Denzel Washington. 12.00 News. 7.45 Dear Jayne Browne. 'Honest Men' by Valerie Georgeson. 12.30 The Late Book: Tales from Charles Agnew is so widely hailed as an honourable man that

Ovid. (R) 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. Jayne regards it her solemn duty to unmask him. With Jill Balcon, 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. Edinburgh's red-light district for a debate about controlling prostitution. Radio 4 LW

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 · 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 . 12.00 Today in Parliament.

Radio 5 Live (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 The Breakfast Programme. 9.00 Nicky Campbell. 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Oldroyd and Co. 4.00 Nationwide. 9.30 Midweek Lively conversation 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 John Inverdale's Footbali Night. John Inverdale introduces coverage of the night's top sporting action. Including Nationwide football, US Open tennis, and athletics from the Berlin Grand Prix. Plus the National Lottery

10.00 Littlejohn. Richard Littlejohn is interested in hearing listeners' views on the top football stories and looking ahead to Sunday's European Champlonship qualifying matches for the home nations. Call 0500 909693. 11.00 Late Night Live. With Nick

Robinson. Including a late news briefing at 11.00, and at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight and a topical ate-night discussion. 1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

Classic FM (100.0-101.9MHz FM) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

Virgin Radio (125, 197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Bobby Hain. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Mark Forrest including London Calling at 6.45. 6.45 James Merritt (AM only). 7.30 James Merritt (AM/FM). 10.00 Paul Coyte. 1.00 Peter Poulton. 4.30 - 6.30 Jeremy Clark.

World Service 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.45 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesk. 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 Newsday. 3.30 Meridian (Books). 4.00 World News. 4.05 World Business Report. 4.15 Sports Roundup. 4.30 - 7.00 World Today.

7.00 Bill Overton and Kirsty Young. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 1L00 Lorraine Kelly. 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 3.00 Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot. 9.00 James Whale. 1.00 lan Collins. 5.00 - 7.00 The Early Show with Bill Overton.

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

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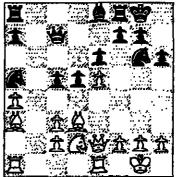
AFTER 11 years of ever-expanding service, Bill Hartston has sped on to pastures new leaving a variety of potentially blank spaces in this newspaper, this one of which I'm to fill.

This is the first time that I've had the privilege of writing a daily chess column and I beg your indulgence for what I expect to be a fairly steep learning curve, as I put the structures into place to report promptly on news in the chess world.

Like any strong player, I have a strategic plan, though no doubt it will undergo various modifications owing to the tactical exigencies of everyday chess life. A lot of the chess activity in this country takes place at the weekends: there are weekend and one-day tournaments, National Club matches and so on. Other things being equal, I'm therefore designating Tuesdays and Wednesdays as local news days. Organisers are more than welcome to submit tournament or match reports for use on those days. The best route is by e-mail to ispeelman@compuserve.com since I will be able to process these, even if I'm abroad.

Meanwhile, Thursdays and Fridays will be more international. As for Mondays and Saturdays, I shall attempt to remain flexible.

Taking over, as I am, from a man who represented England on top board at a variety of important events - something I've never done myself - it seems only right and proper to follow the spirit rather than the misleading words of Mark 13 Re1 0-0 Antony's encomium. Here then, in Portisch resigned.



praise of Bill, is a crushing win against one of the world's then top

After a roughly equal opening, Portisch's 17... Bxa4 in the diagram was too greedy: 17...16 was correct. White's attack developed with alarming speed and 20. Bc1 followed by 21.Qh5 set up a fatal sacrifice on h6.

> White: Bill Hartston Black: Lajos Portisch Nice Olympiad 1974

French Defence 14 dxc5 bxc5 2 Nc3 d5 15 Nd2 Ng6 3 d4 Bb4 16 Qh5 Be8 4 e5 c5 17 Qe2 see 5 a3 Bxc3+ diagram Bxa4? 6 bxc3 Ne7 18 Qg4 Bd7 7 Nf3 Bd7 19 Nf3 Nc4 8 a4 Nbc6 20 Bc1 Bc8 9 Be2 Qc7 21 Qh5 Rd8 22 Bxh6! gxh6 10 0-0 b6 11 Bd3 b6 23 Qxh6 Nb2 12 Ba3 Na5 24 Ng5 Nxd3

BRIDGE

WITH A choice of pairs to watch I always try to kibitz the most argumentative in the room - I get better copy, and it is much more fun.

I was not disappointed by this deal. East opened Four Diamonds, South overcalled with Four Hearts, and West bid Four Spades. Without conviction, North went on to Five Hearts and all passed. West led ◆K against Five Hearts and, after thought, East discarded a diamond. East won and tried a low club (he'd have done better to concede a ruff and discard). Triumphantly declarer played low and won West's jack with the queen. He had avoided a club loser but still had to concede two tricks in spades to go one off.

What a rotten bid!" com South. "It was hopeless! I needed an end-play to go one off. Why not pass? At least we end with a plus score!" "It may not have been a great bid" admitted North. "But you played it like an idiot!"

Well, perhaps that was a bit strong but South had certainly missed an opportunity. At the point when East (mistakenly) switched to a low club, there was only one real chance that West held # J9xx. Suppose South wins the club return with his ace and leads another club, finessing the eight. East wins, but now a club return gives declarer two more tricks in the suit and a diamond gives him a now useful ruff and discard. In either case, both of South's losing spades go away.

North **4632** ♥AQ64 ◊74 **♣Q**1083 East **◆**K Q J 10 9 8 5 **◆** none ♥none ₹852 ◊52 ♦KQJ10863 **♣**J964 **♦**K72 South **♠**A74 ♥KJ10973 **◊** A 9

Love all; dealer East

Bridge News:

The British challenge in the Vivendi Rosenblum World Championship cup came to an end when the Hackett team (Paul, Jason & Justin Hackett, David Mossop & Tony Forrester) lost in a dramatically close finish to Sweden. With only two cards left to play on the last hand, the Swedish declarer had a guess on which the result of the match depended. He got it right - eventually! The other semi-finalists are Brazil, USA & Italy.

In the Louis Vuitton McConnell cup (the equivalent women's event), Liz McGowan's team narrowly failed to make the quarterfinals and the final is being contested by Austria & Germany.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

Stella Gonet and Hugh Fraser.

Director Celia de Wolff (3/5). 8.00 NEWS; Inside Out. Lesley

8.45 Letters of Complaint. Who

says the British don't complain?

9.00 NEWS; Enright's Universe.

Four programmes in which Leo

Enright shares his passion for

space travel. 3: 'Secret Space'.

Since the beginning of rocket

flight, the men of the military have

been conducting undercover mis-

sions. This is the space race you

were not meant to hear about.

Tony Hawks surveys this ancient

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PICK OF THE DAY

of plays and films. In this 1997 version. Ben Kingsley (right) plays the hairdresser who never knows when to stop cutting. He is pursued by an investigator (Scott Campbell) suspicious about the disappearance of a diamond merchant. Joanna

THE MACABRE story of from the team behind Airplane! Sweeney Todd (10pm Sky was going to be called Jone barber of Fleet Street, has an vetoed it as they didn't think enduring fascination for writers Middle America was too familiar with Jane Austen. People all over Britain certainly are - thanks in no small measure to the BBC's wondrous adaptations of her novels. Tonight's Biography (9.30pm BBC Prime) examines the writer whose work continues to resonate across the centuries. Lumley on-stars. The latest movie JAMES RAMPTON



9.00 Survivorsi (3222395). 9.30 Out There (4745531), 10.00 Wonders of Weather (8377937). 10.30 Wonders of Weether 85), **+L00** Outlaws (7251376), 12.00 Fightline (9520208). 12.30 Top Marques (6795154). 1.00 Psycho Killers: to Kill and Kill Again (3011951). 2.00 Close.

8.00 Tattooed Teenage Allen Fighters (56208), 8.30 Street Sherks (55579), 9.00 Garfield and Friends (38531), 9.30 The Simpsons (7492). 10.00 Games World (2715869). 10.15 Games World (2798192). 10.30 Just Kidding (68045). 11.00 The 12.00 Married with Children (59395). 12.30 M*A*S*H (7213376), 12.55 The Special K Collection (61888111), 1.00 Geral do (3221734). 1.55 The Special K Collection (51057482). 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (3921735). 2.55 Special K Collec (9325531). **3.00** Jenny Jones (4925005). **3.55** Special K Collection (1107821). **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (88821). 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4918), 6.00 Married with Children (9579). 6.30 Friends (3531). 7.00 The Simpsons (5647) 7.30 Real TV (2043) 8.00 Stargate SG-1 (73424) 9.00 The Outer Limits (27208) 10.00 Caribbean Uncovered (20395), 1L00 Friends (89550), 1L30 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (\$1460). 12.30 Nowhere Man (88816). 1.30 - 8.00 Long Play (5050932). Sky Sports 1 7.00 Sky Sports Centre (8784901). 735

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12.30 World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (54086), 2.30 Golf: Beitry PGA Seniors Championships (51883), 3.30 Sky Sports Centre (65998241), 3.45 Close. **Sky Sports 2 7.00** Aerobics - Oz Style (7685802). **7.30** Sky Sports Centre (5305550), 7.45 Racing News (8015598), 8.15 Festrax (5505482). 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (4950258). 9.00 Fish TV The Ultimate Fishing Show (1983647). 9.30 Fish TV Fishing Tales (9319550). 10.00 Wild Spirits (5591463 1.30 Fastrax (1972531). 11.00 Golf: Belfry PGA Seniors Championships (7613685). 12.00 LPGA Golf: State Farm Rail Classic (5511227). 2.00 Tennis Fed Cup (4720024). 4.00 Termis (6328550). 10.00 Golf Extra

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7.30 Football: Eurogoals (99192). 9.00 Superbike (35463). 10.00 Xireme Sports (77376). **11.00** Motocross (46869). **11.30** Water-Sking (47598). **12.00** Tennis (79260). 12.30 Saling Magazine (10983). 1.00 Equastrianism (33956). 2.00 Cycling: Tour de France (51289), 4,00 Speedworld (20621), 5.00 Xireme Sports (2956), 6.00 Tractor Puling (13192). 7:00 Bowling (56734) 8.00 Trickshot (76598). 10.00 Darts 55005), 11.00 Speedworld (78005), 12.00 Xtreme Sports (73390). 12.30 Close. UK Gold

7.00 Crossroads (7277314), 7.30 Neighbours (7550734), 7.55 EastEnders (4839598). **8.30** The Bil (8367550). **9.00** The Bill (8358802), 9.30 Bergerac (7988666), 10.30 The Sullvans (8387314), 11.00 Dales (5483734), 11.55 Neighbours (53568227), 12.25 EastEnders (5970005). 1.00 All Creatures Great and Small 4762208), 2.00 Dellas (5342444), 2.55 The Bill (8355314), 3.25 The Bill (4372550). rgerac (1394463). 4.55 East-Enders (8715444). 5.30 Angels (2183314). 6.00 All Creatures Great and Small (4742444). 7.00 The Cornedy Alternative: Don't Wait Up (8553937). 7.40 The Comedy Alternative: Dad's Army (2225531). 8.20 The Cornedy Alternative: Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (1246145), 9,00 One Foot in the Grave (8041937), 9.40 Common as Muck (82588289), 10.50 The Bill (7490666), 11.20 The Bill (5863173), 11.50 ssic Casualty (6183043). 12.50 The Comic Strip Presents (9445970), 1.35 Live at Jongleurs (22322777). 2.00 Films: Paradise Carryon (1935) (7025116), 2**.55** -7.00 Shopping at Night (95228828).

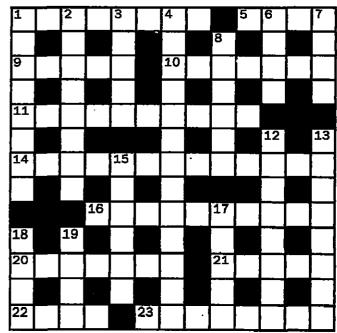
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159598598), 12.30 Film: Alfred the Great (1969) (77073777). 2.45 Films: Brotherly Love (1969) (59978680). 5.00 Close.

Peramount Comedy Channel 7.00 Rosserine (6531). 7.30 Cosby (3717). 8.00 Grace under Fire (2579). 8.30 Spin City (4314), 9.00 Ellen (39579), 9.30 Sein feld (2111), 10.00 Fresier (83463), 10.30 Cheers (92111). 1L00 Kenny Everett (34024), **11.30** The Larry Sanders Show (55686), **12.00** Late Night with David Letterman (42593). 1.00 Saturday Night Live (37319). 2.00 Dr Katz (56932). 2.30 Soap (75067). 3.00 The Kids in the Hall (82796). 3.30 Nightstand (66319), 4.00 Close.

CONCISE CROSSWORD

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News and Weather (4143005). 12.30 ITN News; Weather (30734). 1.00 Echo Point (97192). 3.20 Central News (5927840). 5.40 Shortland Street (9802173). 6.00 Breakfast: Hang Time (2003/2043). 10.40 The Bigger Breakfast: Sister Sister (6988/3821). 11.10 The Bigger

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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East News and Weather (821531).

7.00 The Big Breakfast (8422311). 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (58514537). 9.30 The Bigger Breakfast: Saved by the Bell

Breakfast: Wise Up (46557208). 11.45 The Bigger Breakfast: Madison (88076753). 12-30 Happy Days (34356753). 1.00 Slot Meithrin: 1 Chwith a Smot y Cl (8423359 Collectors Lot (33837685). 1.40 Film: The Cockleshell Heroes (66309531). 3.30 Watercolour Challenge (68366598) 4.00 Fifteen to One - the Big Winners (58345005). 4.30 Ricki Lake (68341289). (88345005). 4.30 Fich Line (86655802). 5.00 5Pump; Nics Nain (66655802). 5.45 5Pump; Celfiggali (64943376). 5.30 Countdown (68365869). 6.00 Newyddion 6 (4813531). 6.10 Heno (89279482). 7.00 Pobol y Cwr (3279482), 7.25 Fiermio (37740821). 8.00 Gair am Aur (39845918), 8.30 Newyddion (39857753), 9.00 Armiste Maupin's More Tales of the City (24548227), 10.00 Brockside (35612753), 10.35 Ally McBeal (1524206), 11.30 Edinburgh or Bust (55462686), 12.00 Under the Moon (47097338), 2.30 Spar British Challenge (4668222), 4.00 Close, 5.55 Sesame

(34352937). 10.00 The Bigger

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Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Knows, 4 Wet (No sweat), 7 Beef, 8 Meanings, 9 Black-and-blue, 10 Patrol, 13 Modest, 15 Awe-inspiring, 19 Congress, 20 Nigh, 21 Sot, 22 Adept. DOWN: 1 Kneel, 2 Officer, 3 Samba, 4 Whirl, 5 Tigress, 6 Tandem, 11 Amazons, 12 Lancer, 14 Derange, 16

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BBC1

8.00 Business Breakfast (39753) 7.00 News (T) (74127)
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10.30 Daily Live (S) (T) (4544685), 10.55 News: Local News: Weather (T) (1188921), 11.00 Style Challenge (S)
(1105598), 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (S) (T)
(1108685), 11.55 News: Weather (T) (7201885), 12.00
Through the Keyhole (S) (T) (7127208), 12.25 Wipsout (S) (7139043), 12.80 The Weather Show (S) (T)
(17688840), 1.00 News: Weather (T) (24604), 1.30 Local News, Weather (41243840), 1.40 Neighbours (S) (T)
(97499956), 2.05 Breakers (S) (29275043), 2.25 Quincy (R) (7965111), 3.15 The Weather Show (S) (T) (2844840).

3.25 Children's BBC: Orville and Cuddles (R) (5931043).
3.30 Playdsys (R) (S) (7033482). 3.50 Richard Scarry (R) (S) (7020918). 4.40 Ace Ventura (R) (S) (T) (8561579).
4.35 The Wild House (R) (S) (T) (3616579).
5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (8810531). 5.10 Byker Grove (R) (S) (T) (6153531).

5.36 Neighbours. Callin has a bone to pick with Nick (5) (T) (278260).

6.00 News; Weather (T) (43).

7,00 The X Greatures. Amusing crypto-zoology strand with Chris Packhant. This wook's programme looks at the "kraken", a ginnt squid more than 20m long (5) (1) (5005).

7.30 TW Time Machine. The Dyson vacuum cleaner, the microwriter, and edible earthworms (S) (T) (79).

8.00 999. Compilation of all the bost disasters, injurios, mainings etc (R) (S) (T) (4753).

8.40 The National Lottery Draw (S) (T) (3260)

News; Weather (T) (3482).

9.30 One Foot in the Gravo. Victor's brother, Alfred, turns up from New Zealand (R) (S) (T) (25802).

tawyer Michael Biehn wangles himself a place on a disastrous expedition to climb the world's secondigestrous expedition to climb the world's secondigenest peak. An action movie low on characterisation, whose excellent edge-of-the-seat climbing sequences were sadly overshadowed by Renny Hartin's Cliffhenger two years later. Still, worth watching for those in a no-brain frame of mind (S) (T) (442314).

11.45 1311/1 That's Carry On (Gerald Thomas 1978 UK)
Movie version of the "best-of" Carry On TV programmes,
believe it or not. Utterly predictable, utterly familiar.
Berbere Windsor and Kenneth Williams do the honours
(510734).

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DEADLY CROCODILES (9pm ITV, ngh) I think the Australian herpetologist Steve Irwin might be a bit of a burgeoning star; the open-hearted eccentricity with which he showed us the world's deadliest snakes earlier in the year was beguling to say the least. In tonight's charming one-off, he takes us in scarch of 'problem erocs', which can, apparently, be distinguished from the run-of-the mill type, and sets about trapping a particularly nasty one with a view to training it to avoid human beings in the future. To be avoided if you're squeamish by nature, but the combination of gore and chat is

show designed to make smart-aloc students look like apes returns, with the quintessential Jeremy Paxman still chairing. Paxman's hectoring style, oddly enough, seems to be more amusing when aimed at helpless post-toens than when he's picking apart the politicians who deserve it. Magdalun College, Oxford, is in the hot seat this series after two consecutive wins, but teams from Bristol and Manchester lick off proceedings. But we don't really care who whis, do we? What we want to see is more ignominious defeats like New Hall, Cambridge's tragic 35-pointer last season.

QUIZ SHOW OF THE DAY

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BBC2

6.10 Beating the Morning Rush (9430666). 6.35
Problems with Patterns (T) (5699463). 7.00 Children's BBC: Spider (R) (S) (4057937). 7.05 Teletubbles (S) (1638289). 7.30 Mr Benn (R) (2757937). 7.45 Smurfs' Adventures (R) (4197598).8.70 Children's BBC: Really Wild Show (R) (S) (T) (4309821). 8.35 X-Men (R) (S) (6517647). 9.05 Sweet Valley High (R) (S) (3280531).

9.30 Children's BBC: Smart (R) (S) (T) (32192). 10.00
Biskitts (R) (S) (9949802). 10.25 Brollys (R) (9653753).
10.40 Telelubbies (S) (4521734). 11.10 Toomatics (S) (7897192). 11.45 Hawkeye (R) (S) (7592531). 12.30
Working Lunch (43208). 1.00 Beechgrove Garden (S) (24686). 1.30 People's Century (R) (S) (T) (5283208).
2.25 Phil Silvers Show (R) (22314424). 2.50 News; Local News; Weather (T) (9904918). 2.55 Wildlifs on Two (R) (S) (T) (4030482). 3.25 News; Local News; Weather (T) (5939685). 3.30 Glynn Christian Tistes (R) (S) (1010802). 3.55 Real Rooms (R) (S) (703411). 4.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (S) (608685). 4.50 Esther (R) (S) (6189956).

5.50 Lifeline (S) (T) (238043).

Two Fat Ladles. Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright cook for Bonedictine nuns at Kylemore Abbey, Connemare (S) (T) (1802).

9.00 Dad's Army. Sergeant Wilson's commitment wavers (R) (T) (1024).

Newsnight. With Jeremy Paxman (T) (708531).

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6.48 Carnival 98. Curlis Walker and Gina Yashere enjoy the Notting Hill Carnival, and talk to Saracen from Gladiators, Palerson Joseph from Casually, Mica Paris and Maxim Reality from Prodigy (S) (857043).

7.30 Private Investigations. Caroline Green examines the finances and leadership of the Peniel Pentecostal Church, and Luke Anderson discovers a genetically-modified maize crop near his Deven home (S) (T) (21).

8.00 BIDIES University Challenge, Jeromy Paxman says "come on, come on". See Quiz Show of the Day, below (S) (T) (2395).

9.30 The Hanging Gate. Final part of the trish famine drama. Daniel Phelan defles capture but his brothers, Con and Sean, fetch up in the brutal Lifford jail (R) (S) (T) (12444).

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. That old slick-in-the-mud Jean Luc falls in love and plays Robin Hood to his old flame's Maid Marian (R) (S) (T) (525647).

0.00 Newsj Weather (T) (98260).

10.30 London Tonight. And weather (T) (821531).

10.40 ISTUIRS On Deadly Ground (Steven Seagal 1994 US). Steven Seagal goes all eco-friendly. Oh, and kicks a lot of baddles in the face, too. See Film of the Day, below (S) (T) (96012753).

12.30 HIM The Isl thrilter in which a and (Michael Ritchle 1980 US), Silly journalist encounters a hitherto se of 18th-century buccaneers. Básed tey novel (87425).

2.30 One Summer in Bronté Country (T) (97154).
3.00 Vanessa (R) (S) (T) (1051628).
3.45 Cybernet (S) (22319).
4.15 Breekaways (36511048).
4.20 ITV Nightscreen (8113715).
5.30 ITN Morning News (72785).
To 8am.

Carlton

), **9,25** Vanessa (S) (T) (6920314). ing (T) (84513005), **12,20** Your Shout

12.30 News; Weather (97192). 1.30 The call their dirty linen (7564314). 2.15 Ho 2.45 Dales Super 3.15 ITN News He 3.20 London Toda her (T) (30734). 1.00 London Today (T) the Jerry Springer Show, Mall monkeys ten before a baying crowd (S) (T) Home and Away (S) (T) (426869). permarket Sweep (S) (T) (418840). Headlines (T) (5937227). foday (T) (5927840).

3.25 Children's ITV: Slow Norris (S) (43 (4362840), 4.00 R Children's ITV: Wizadora (S) (5917463), 3.35 The Slow Norris (S) (4359376), 3.45 The Animal Shelf (S) (4362840), 4.00 Ruperi (R) (6079395), 4.25 Chatterhappy Ponies (S) (T) (6832024), 4.40 Mad for it (S) (8485024), 5.10 Home and Away (S) (T) (9802173).

ht. And weather (T) (11).

9.00

7.00 Emmerdale. Tara has upsetting news for Biff, and blabbermouth Mandy spills Paddy's secret (S) (T) (5983).

8.30 Estate Agents. The fly-on-the wall we've all been waiting for. Bristol agents Ian and Evelina Clark face buyers, sellers, gigantic commissions.. (S) (T) (8956).

9.00 GIDIGE Deadly Grocodiles. Steve Irwin, last seen grappling with the world's deadliest snekes, sets out to train man-eating crocodiles to change their choice of sweetmeats. See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T) (4463).

00.00

11.30 Edinburgh or Bust. Aspiring stand-up comedians get their last chance at a TV airing (86598).

3.30

News; Weather (T) (184482).

6.00 London Tonig

6.30 London Bridge. Sid has a panic attack after nodding off and losing Holly. Sam asks Liam out on a date. Kim receives a surprise visit (S) (63).

7.30 Coronation Structure of the wild spisocle of the wild faced Toyah, alway another dreadful or appating to living finally up for adulte Street. A special treat: an hour-long wildly-on-form soap. Poor old pudding-ways the pick of the Battersbys, makes ul mistake, tipping her life over from pretty ng rightmare. Meanwhile, the game is fullerers Greg and Sally (T) (85463).

9.00 Daddy's Girl. Parent-child clashes explored in two parts: Mummy's Boy follows next week.
Owen has realised he is ill-equipped to tive with his 15-year-old daughter; Doug can't handle his 18-year-old's elternative lifestyle and Marcus and Victoria row about her birthday (S) (T) (2005).

10.85 Cybill. After her mother dies, Cybill discovers that there may have been more life in the old girl than she had suspected. Cue martinis, tantrums and gasps of horror (S) (T) (961173).

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1917 No Trees in the Street (J Lee Thompson 1958 UK). Glum kitchen-sink drama set in the depression-era London slums. A mother's attempt to extract her children from poverty by apprenticing them to a local villain leads to tragedy. Lacklustre at best (T) (51315821).

atercolour Challenge (T) (69). **4.30** Fifteen to te - the Big Winners (S) (T) (76). **4.30** Countdown (S) (3800918). **4.55** Rickl Lake (R) (S) (T) (8167958).

5.30

Pet Rescuers. A swan and cygnet are in trouble in a canal, and a goose gets caught in fishing tackle (S) (T) (40).

Caroline in the City. Superior slicom relegated to tea-time. Caroline offers gloomy Richard his old job back (S) (T) (585463).

6.25 Suddenly Susan. Brooke Shields falls to cook a turkey (S) (T) (856802).

6.50 Fresh Pop (263024).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather. Including headlines at 7.30pm (S) (T) (216109).

7.55 Spotlights. Short art-house films (T) (579482).

8.00 Brookside. Marcus gatecrashes Oille and Eleanor's celebration (T) (7463).

8.30 Desis on Wheels. Second-hand car-market exposé closes with a VW Golf, a BMW, a VW Corrada and an American Cadlilac (T) (6598).

Ally McBeat. I can't help it: I have developed a slevish devotion this unisex-lavatory comedy-drame, which, efter taking a couple of weeks to find its feet, is streets ahead of the competition. Ally tries to convince a prison boss that one of his liters should be allowed to marry. Meanwhile, Whipper ditches Fish for filrling (S) (T) (955227).

12.00 Under the Moon (8241222), 4.00 Trackside (R) (90241), 4.30 Gamesmaster (R) (S) (T) (96864), 5.00 Transworld Sport (R) (1462680), 5.55 Sesame Street (R) (S) (1464609), To 7am.

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7.00

OD The Big Breakfast (S) (T) (92647). 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (15937). 9.30 Saved by the Bell (R) (S) (T) (27260). 10.00 Hang Time (S) (T) (2639227). 10.40 Sister Sister (R) (S) (T) (4516802). 11.10 Wise Up (R) (T) (7882260). 11.45 Madison (S) (T) (7527227). 12.30 I Dream of Jeannie (38376). 1.00 Home to Roost (2819519). 1.35 Collectors' Lot (T) (41226173).

6,00 5 News and Sport (S) (6979666), 7,00 WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (1952840), 7,30 Milkshake! (S) (5932956), 7,35 Deppledown Farm (R) (1009227), 8,00 Havakazoo (S) (914444), 8,30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (R) (9146043), 9,00 Okavango (5946314), 9,25 Legend of the Hidden City (3477579), 10,20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (497811), 11,00 Leeza (R) (S) (753855), 12,00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (917531), 12,30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (2426005), 1,00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (185111), 1,30 Sons and Daughters (2425376), 2,00 too Per Cent Gold (S) (7896505), 2,30 Open House with Gloria Hunniford (S) (3697550).

3.30 IIIM The Sunshine Boys (John Erman 1994 US). Two veteran comedians are brought together for a Christmas TV special after years of feuding. Funny, affecting version of a Nell Simon play which, remarkably, lives up to the 1975 Walter Matthau-George Burns version. Stars Woody Allen and Peter Falk (2490753). 5.10 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Oprah lalks to a couple suffering from amnesia (S) (94/4956).

100 Per Cent. Oddly compelling quiz show (S) (4698937).

6.30 Family Affairs. Annie wents to give birth at home, Jernie suggests a way for Roy to get revenge on Pete and Liam (S) (T) (4589289).

7.00 5 News, including First on Five. With Kirsty Young (5) (T) (6021591).

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7.30 Where the Bison Roam. The grasslands of the Milk River, Montana, home to golden eagles and prairie rattlesnakes (S) (T) (4578173).

8.00 The Pepsi Chart. Dr Fox with live bands and the new chart from the Hanover Grand (S) (6221799).

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9.00 EIM The Stranger Beside Me (Sandor Stern 1995 US). With the drama commissioners and makers of TV movies so fixated on rape, murder, kidnap, assault, torture and so forth, is it any wonder our perceptions of risk from violence rise as crime rates actually drop? Tiftani-Amber Thiessen plays a timid wife who discovers that her husband is a serial rapist (S) (T) (77979956). 8.30 in the Dark. Just when you think gameshows can't get any dumber, along comes this one, in which contestants have to carry out tasks in complete darkness. A great concept for radio, perhaps? (1071096).

11.30 Compromising Situations. (9941555). 10.50 Not the Jack Docherty Show. The terrifically sweet Melinda Messenger struggles gamely to get a full sentence from her silly-season guests (S) (7073550). drama (S)

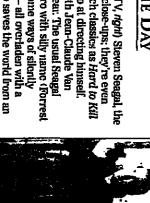
12.05 Major Leagus Baseball - Live. Another mass-audience puller for Channel 5 (S) (89333661).

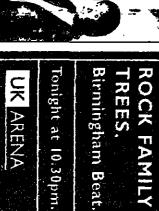
4.40 Madmen of the People (3728383), **5.05** Throb (68778512), **5.30** 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (4551845), To 6am

TELEVISION GUIDE BY SERENA MACKESY



on DEADLY GROUND (10A0pm ITV, nght) Steven Seagal, the delightfully cross-eyed (clock those close-ups; they're even furnier on the big screen) star of such classics as Hard to Kill and Under Siege, has a creditable go at directing himself. Creditable, that is, in comparison with Jean-Claude Van Damme's clunking The Quest last year: The usual Seagal trademarks are here, of course – hero with silly name (forrest Taft, in this case), high kicks, gruesome ways of sloutly bumping off people, and loud bangs – all overladen with a ponderous eco-message as our hero saves the world from an ponderous eco-message as our hero saves the world from an











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